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Impeachment inquiry likely

By news agencies

WASHINGTON – The US House of Representatives is increasingly likely to vote for a formal impeachment inquiry in the next few weeks, congressional officials said yesterday, a step that would increase the pressure on President Bill Clinton.

Officials in both political parties, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if it takes such a step, the House would not necessarily limit its inquiry to Kenneth Starr's review of Clinton's sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and his attempts to deny it under oath.

Instead, these officials said, the House Judiciary Committee might be empowered to range over numerous other issues, from the Whitewater real estate deal in Arkansas to Clinton's involvement in questionable campaign fundraising in 1996.

Congress returns to work today with Clinton's political fate in its hands. Congressional Democrats, joined by a top Republican senator, spoke yesterday of a punishment short of impeachment for Clinton and demanded his lawyers end "legal hairsplitting" as they rebut Starr's report.

"There's going to be some sort of sanction here," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "The question is what – from impeachment to censure to rebuke to condemnation or what."

Added Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, the second-ranking House Democrat: "I think in the days and months ahead you will find people talking about the middle option, that of a public rebuke for his personal behavior."

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At the same time, with midterm elections looming, several Democrats said they hope the issue can be dealt with swiftly.

But with his presidency clearly in peril, his lawyers and aides appeared on yesterday morning's television news shows to declare that whatever his transgressions, Clinton committed no impeachable offenses.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee, which would lead any inquiry, will spend the next few weeks poring over the report of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and its supporting material to determine if Clinton's alleged conduct meets the standard of "high crimes and misdemeanors" that the US Constitution requires for impeachment.

The first question the committee must answer is whether to launch a formal inquiry of impeachment, which would lead to hearings about whether Clinton committed perjury, tampered with witnesses, or obstructed justice over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Such an inquiry, which would ultimately lead to a decision on whether to vote articles of impeachment against Clinton.

"What we have to do in looking at what Ken Starr sent up is determine whether the perjury charges rise to the level of impeachment and, most importantly, whether the evidence is there to support them," Rep. Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican and a member of the Judiciary Committee, said on CNN's *Late Edition*.

Representative Vic Fazio, a California Democrat, said on ABC's *This Week* that an inquiry with hearings would give Clinton a chance to respond to the allegations.

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Cabinet passes budget

Defense up, education down

By Jerusalem Post Staff

The cabinet last night approved a NIS 206.3 billion budget for 1999 by a vote of 14-2.

The proposed budget includes an increase in defense spending, but cuts in education and health.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Yi Yishai and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza voted no.

"Tonight we passed the budget by a massive majority," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told a news conference after the vote.

The defense budget, which was the biggest bone of contention, ended up expanding by a mere NIS 100m. Netanyahu said it was the first time that defense spending is being increased since 1985. While this is a relatively small expansion, Netanyahu said, "it heralds a multi-year increase in strategic-defense spending."

The prime minister decided on this change by adding funds from the state budget and by shuffling resources within the defense budget.

Both Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said that for the third straight year, budget deficits and the deficit in the balance of payments are being reduced and inflation curbed.

The budget for next year targets the deficit at 2.0 percent of Gross Domestic Product.

The education budget was cut by NIS 200 million. Officials said it will be up to the Education Ministry to decide where the cuts will be made.

The turning point in mustering a majority apparently occurred after Neeman negotiated with each of the 13 ministers who had initially opposed the budget. It is not clear what he promised all of them, however. the National Infrastructure Ministry's budget was increased by NIS 500m., Trade and Industry by NIS 300m., and Absorption by NIS 300m.

Neeman said the government had stuck strictly to its original budget framework, implying there would be no new taxes and adding that as soon as this budget is fully passed the government will get down to the business of tax reform.

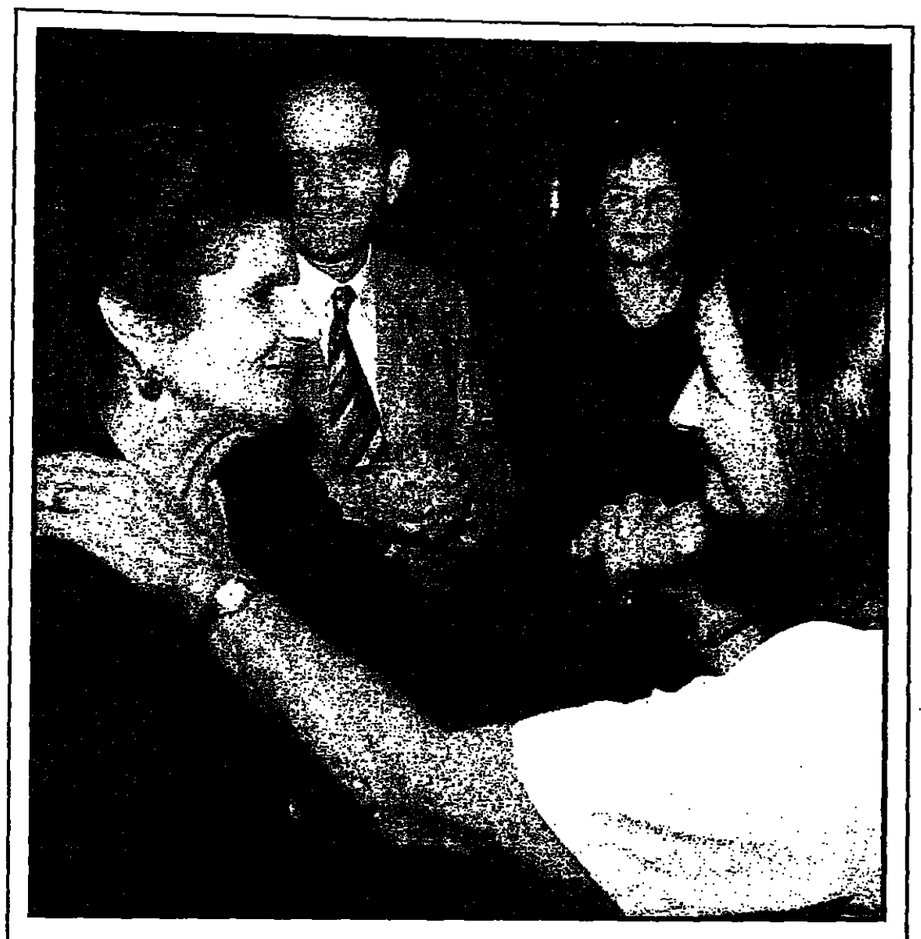
However, since most ministers refused to accept any cuts in their budgets, and even demanded increases, the Treasury had no choice but to dip into the citizens' pockets, economists observed.

Certain ministers noted before they changed their mind that the budget bears no hope for growth or reducing the recession and unemployment.

Yishai described the budget earlier yesterday as "awful. Simply terrible. It doesn't enable growth, or more employment. It does not bode well."

Matza warned the budget will lead to the collapse of the health system, "which will then cost the treasury several times more."

The budget still must be approved by the Knesset.



Five year hug

Leah Rabin (left) gets a hug from MK Yael Dayan yesterday while attending a Washington gathering commemorating the 5th anniversary of the Oslo Accords. (AP)

Indyk: Pullback deal in near future

By HILLEL KUTTLER and DANNA HARMAN

A redeployment agreement is near and final status talks can be launched thereafter, US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Martin Indyk said yesterday.

"The negotiations have dragged on too long" and a "sense of urgency" prevails, Indyk said, but added that he was bringing a "hopeful message" to a gathering at Washington's Adas Israel Synagogue marking the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Oslo Accords.

Redeployment sticking points, Page 3

US envoy Dennis Ross is "trying to tie up the loose ends," and "I believe in the near future... we will see an agreement between [Palestinian Authority Chairman] Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu that will lead to the implementation of both sides' commitments under the interim agreement and the beginning of final status talks," Indyk said. "That will be a new beginning."

Earlier yesterday, US President Bill Clinton met briefly at the White House with the event's organizers and pledged to continue investing his efforts in advancing the peace process.

"He said we have to get through the interim period to final status and [negotiations] and people should ask themselves... what they can do" to assist, said Rabbi Seymour Essrog, who attended the meeting.

Clinton urged that his guests continue supporting the accords, while acknowledging that the negotiations are continuing slowly, Essrog said.

Another participant, Debora DeLee, president of Americans for Peace Now, said "the whole tone of the meeting was that he and we are hopeful that something positive will come out of this round of discussions."

Clinton did not speak of Ross's current shuttle mission nor of his assessment of the five years since the Oslo breakthrough.

However, Leon Fuerth, US Vice President Al Gore's national security adviser, said Ross has achieved progress on certain core issues, several participants said.

Indyk, in his speech, said the administration has "a special responsibility" to help bring the negotiations to closure and begin final status talks as soon as possible.

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Kosovo seen as new Islamic bastion

CENTRAL EUROPEAN JOURNAL

By STEVE RODAN

First in a series on Central Europe.

BATROVCI, Yugoslavia – The line of cars at this Serbian border town forms early in the morning as travelers head west from the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade toward Croatia and Bosnia. The Yugoslav security officers are thorough, checking each passenger and rummaging through the trunk of every vehicle.

Many of the travelers are Moslems, and the adults wait quietly at the terminal as their children play tag between lines. A few years ago, these people would have been virtually indistinguishable from the thousands of others who crisscross the region.

But today Islamic pride has arrived. Many Moslems have grown beards. Drivers have placed large decals with the Islamic crescent on the back window.

And with money coming from such countries as Iran and Saudi Arabia, being a Moslem means having options.

Diplomats in the region say Bosnia was the first bastion of Islamic power. The autonomous Yugoslav region of Kosovo promises to be the second. During the current rebellion against the Yugoslav army, the ethnic Albanians in the province, most of whom are Moslem, have been provided with financial and military support from Islamic countries.

They are being bolstered by hundreds of Iranian fighters, or Mujahadeen, who infiltrate from nearby Albania and call themselves the Kosovo Liberation Army.

US defense officials say the support includes that of Osama Bin Laden, the Saudi terrorist accused of masterminding the bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

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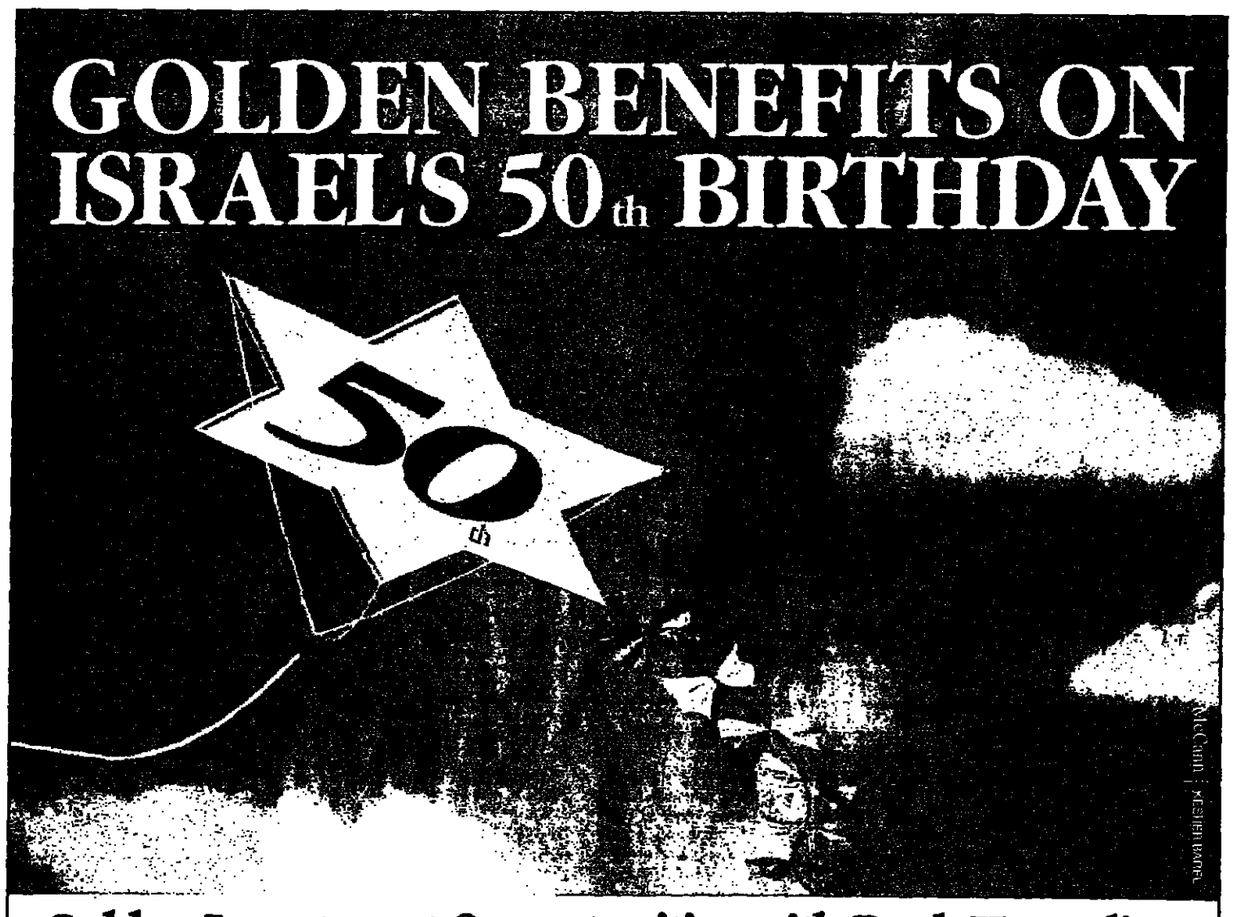

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IDF vehicle collides with car, killing 1

A driver was killed yesterday when he failed to yield the right of way to an army vehicle at the Ma'ona junction near Ma'alot and the two vehicles collided. Four people also were injured in the accident three moderately and one lightly. *Itim*

Hai V'kayam members acquitted

Nearly three years after they were arrested on suspicion of attacking policemen in an effort to pray on the Temple Mount, six members of the right-wing Hai V'kayam group were acquitted by Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday. Judge Carmi Menashe said the arrest was illegal.

He wrote in his decision that there was no reason for the police to stop the group's prayers because they had been a reasonable distance from the gate. Menashe said prayers near the gates of the Temple Mount should be permitted, "as long as there is no danger of great violence." *Amy Klein*

Construction worker electrocuted

A construction worker was electrocuted yesterday when a crane hit a loose wire next to him at a Hadera construction site. A Magen David Adom crew rushed Nadel Rafa Aghbaria, 24, of Musheirifa, to Hillel Yoffe Hospital, where he died. Police have arrested another worker who is suspected of causing Aghbaria's death by criminal negligence. *Itim*

Telling children about Clinton-Lewinsky

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Parents should discuss the Clinton-Lewinsky matter openly with their children and not necessarily try to shield them from graphic reports, two child psychology experts advised yesterday.

Nonetheless, they voiced concern about possible harm such reports could cause, particularly on children's views of intimate relations between adults.

Dr. Yitzhak Kadman, director of the National Council for the Child, said that for this reason he was "very sorry that the two largest newspapers in the country fell into the trap and continued in the same vein as American newspapers, publishing endless pages of graphic details about the president's sexual acts."

Kadman said the Israeli press could have scored points if the two afternoon dailies, for example, had agreed between them not to report in depth about the affair.

Israel leads the world in the percentage of children and young people who read daily newspapers, found in almost every home.

"That's why it could have been these two newspapers' finest hour if they had decided not to print the details, since there is nothing in them but items of a prurient nature. And one time we could have gone against the stream, and the Israeli press would have been singled out for praise both here and abroad.

"I'm not against writing that the president got embroiled in a controversy concerning his sexual relationship with a White House intern. I didn't say that," Kadman said. "But there is a huge difference between that and going into graphic details regarding where they did it and how they did it... Just because we're not living in puritan times and children are aware of such things doesn't mean we have to spoon-feed them such material."

However, Jewish educator Peretz Rodman, a father of three children ranging in ages from 16 to 9 who's been fielding questions about the reports from them, disagreed.

"I think we can't hold the local press to a different standard from the rest of the world's press, and it is the president's own behavior by denying the allegations in ways that seem to have avoided reasonable definitions of different kinds of sexual activities which has made it necessary to reveal the details to the public," he said.

Rodman said it was impossible to keep children away from sources of news and that he has been "answering questions as they come up. We've been fielding more questions about constitutional behavior than about sex, which may tell me more about what my kids already know and don't already know than I might have imagined." Rodman said.

Carol Ben-Dor, coordinator of senior services in Jerusalem's Ramot neighborhood and a mother of four, admitted "it's hard to go into great detail" in discussing the case with her children.

When Saturday night's TV report went into details about the sexual encounters, "we didn't watch the whole thing. It's just too difficult," she said. She added that she and her husband Arnie were sometimes "at a loss" to figure out what to tell their children.

She also worried that her children are missing the point of the whole case. "I think they don't understand the whole lying thing," she said. "That's all lost to them because the sex thing is so big, although that's really what matters."

The reports may not have the power to traumatize children, but Kadman said they could affect how adults teach children about sex. "You try to explain that sex is part of an overall relationship between people who are in love, and the kids will look you in the eye and say: 'What are you talking about? You know what Monica did to the president under the table? I'll tell you.' The whole issue of relations between the sexes becomes so distorted that it has a very bad impact," he said.

PM to Primakov: Help halt weapons transfers

By DANNA HARMAN and news agencies

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sent the newly elected Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov a letter of congratulation yesterday, and also called on him to help stop the transfer of arms technology in the region.

"I hope that you will use your influence to stem the flow of dual-use technologies, equipment and know-how, which will further destabilize the region in general and pose an existential threat to Israel, if left unchecked," Netanyahu wrote.

Israel and the United States have repeatedly urged Russia to withhold the sale of rockets, nuclear technology and technical assistance to Iran.

Lewinsky family rabbi: Clinton should repent

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES – The senior rabbi of the Lewinsky family's synagogue has urged President Bill Clinton to do sincere t'shuva, or repentance, for his transgressions.

Rabbi David Wolpe, of Los Angeles' Sinai Temple, said that Clinton's lack of moral courage is the central issue in the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"T'shuva means taking responsibility for one's mistakes," he said.

Wolpe made his remarks on Saturday, while commenting on the week's Torah portion and the upcoming High Holy Days.

Monica's parents, Dr. Bernard and Barbara Lewinsky, are members of the prominent Conservative congregation and Monica attended the temple's religious school as a youngster.

No member of the Lewinsky family was present at the service and Wolpe made no mention of Monica Lewinsky personally.

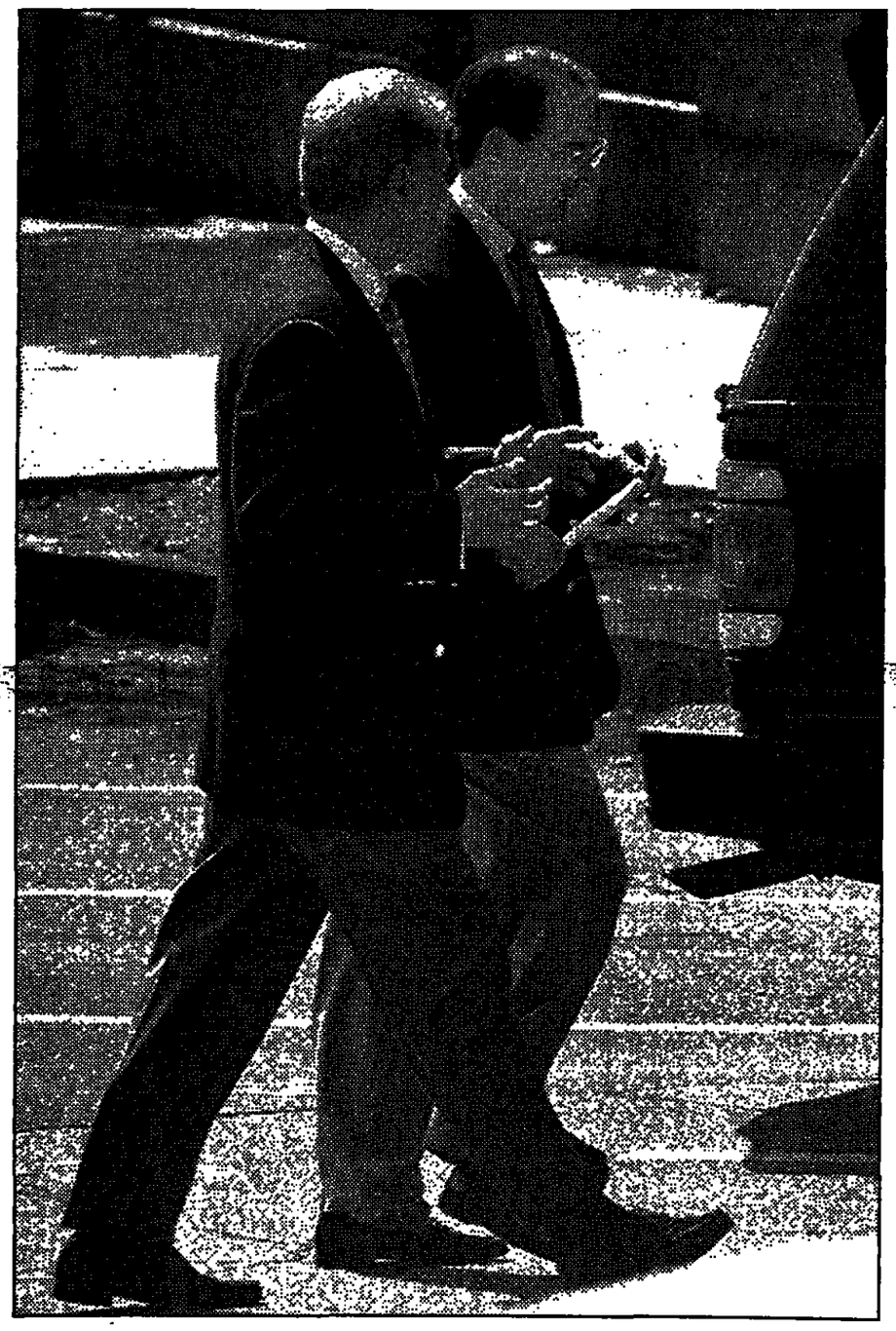
Reviewing his Saturday comments in a phone interview, Wolpe said that the nation had elected "a precocious, talented child, when it needed a man." He added that true repentance by the president would be a valuable lesson for the country and be good for his and the nation's soul. At the same time, Wolpe made it clear that he "was not enchanted with Clinton's pursuers."

The youthful rabbi, widely known as an author and lecturer, cited a personal experience he had last week to illustrate the impact of Clinton's behavior on the nation's youth.

"I was walking with my nine-year-old niece and she asked her father what was Clinton's religion," Wolpe recalled.

He said the president was a Christian, a Southern Baptist, and the child said, "I never want to be that religion."

"The she asked if the president's parents were living and when her father said no, the child blurted out that she was happy they were no longer alive," Wolpe recounted.



President Bill Clinton and his chief of staff, Erskine Bowles, walk to the Old Executive Office Building in Washington yesterday to participate in an event commemorating the fifth anniversary of the Oslo Accords. (AP)

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A Defense Department statement on August 20 said Bin Laden's Al Qa'ida organization supports Moslem fighters in both Bosnia and Kosovo.

The growing Islamic fundamentalist presence is an issue rarely voiced in public. The Arab and Islamic world form a huge part of the current and potential market for many of the countries in Central Europe, and highlighting their involvement in the violence in Kosovo is simply bad business.

But the growing support of Iran in Central Europe and the Balkans is regarded as the biggest threat to the region, with the possibility that it can spill over into Western Europe.

"If we isolate the Moslems in Bosnia, then they themselves can be a threat neither to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia nor to the wider region," Yugoslav Defense Minister Pavle Bulatovic said in an interview. "They could be a threat if they gain support from other Moslem national movements or Moslem states."

Yugoslav officials and, privately, many foreign diplomats link the Iranian-backed Bosnian regime to the current rebellion in Kosovo. They say the Iranian success in maintaining a presence and influence in Sarajevo led Teheran to quickly adopt the KLA.

The KLA strength was not the southern Kosovo region, which over the centuries turned from a majority of Serbs to ethnic Albanians. The KLA, however, was strong in neighboring Albania, which today has virtually no central government.

The crisis in Albania led Iran to quickly move in to fill the vacuum. Iranian Revolutionary Guards began to train KLA members. Iranian and Saudi representatives opened foundations to provide patronage. An Islamic bank was launched in the Albanian capital of Tirana. In Skadar, Iranian agents opened the Society of Ayatollah Khomeini.

In the Kosovo town of Prizren, Islamic fundamentalists formed a society funded by the Iranian Culture Center in Belgrade. Selected groups of Albanians were sent to Iran to study that country's version of militant Islam.

So far, Yugoslav officials and Western diplomats agree that millions of dollars have been funnelled through Bosnia and Albania to buy arms for the KLA. The money is raised from both Islamic governments and from Islamic communities in Western Europe, particularly Germany.

Since April, Yugoslav officials say, the KLA has smuggled arms and ammunition in from Albania. They say attempts to smuggle several cannon – meant to launch large-scale strikes against Yugoslav forces – were unsuccessful.

The ramifications of the Iranian campaign has been felt throughout the Middle East. Both Israel and Turkey, for example, have been alarmed by its success in gaining influence in both Bosnia and Albania and have been busy trading intelligence on developments in the region.

"Iran has been active in helping out the Kosovo rebels," Ephraim Kam, deputy director of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said. "Iran sees Kosovo and Albania as containing Moslem communities that require help and Teheran is willing to do it."

But much of the training of the KLA remains based in Bosnia. Intelligence sources say mercenaries and volunteers for the separatist movement have been recruited and paid handsome salaries of DM 3,000-DM 5,000 (NIS 6,800-NIS 11,400) a month.

The trainers and fighters in the KLA include many of the Iranians who fought in Bosnia in the early 1990s. Intelligence sources place their number at 7,000, many of whom have married Bosnian women. There are also Afghans, Algerians, Chechens, and Egyptians.

A US congressional analyst said much of the Iranian training and arms smuggling in Bosnia takes place near the contingent of US peacekeeping troops. He said the Clinton administration is fully aware of Iranian activities in Bosnia and Kosovo, but has looked the other way to maintain the 1995 Dayton Accords.

"The administration wants to keep the lid on the pot at all costs," the analyst said. "And if that means that Iran benefits and operates freely in the region, so be it. Needless to say, the Europeans have been quite upset by this."

Still, intelligence sources said, the Iranians have acted cautiously. They say they first arrived in Kosovo early this year and formed a commando unit in May in the town of Donji Perkez. The unit consisted of 120 men divided into seven groups. They included Albanian, Bosnian, Macedonian, and Saudi nationals. The commander was an Egyptian called Abu Ismail, who served in an Iranian Mujahadeen unit in Zenica, Bosnia.

The Iranian fighters were first kept separate from others in the KLA. In late July, the fighters from Macedonia and Saudi Arabia were ordered to withdraw into Albania. The reason was that the sponsors concluded that they were not being used properly. At the Yugoslav and Macedonian border, some of the fighters were captured and interrogated by authorities.

Yugoslav officials and regional diplomats expect to see the Bosnians continue to embrace the Iranians. They see Bosnia, as well as some officials in Croatia, as intending to change the terms of the US-sponsored Dayton Accords that establish the new borders of the former Yugoslavia and maintain an international presence in the region.

The changes being demanded by some key figures in Bosnia include transforming the federation from a multiethnic into an all-Islamic country.

"It was clear to everybody that the implementation of the Dayton and Paris accords would not go smoothly," Bulatovic, the Yugoslav defense minister, said. "Our position is that the Dayton Accords must be implemented as written. If there are renegotiations, it would jeopardize peace and stability in Bosnia."

Yugoslav officials said their crackdown in Kosovo has been successful in stabilizing the province. They said the KLA has drastically reduced its activities and most of its members have fled to Albania.

UN officials said 14,000 residents of Kosovo have crossed into northern Albania, while another 20,000 people driven out of their homes remain in the Serbian province.

The result, the officials said, is that some leaders of the ethnic Albanian community have signalled that they are ready to negotiate an end to the fighting. Kosovo leader Ibrahim Rugova, who last year pledged to reject any solution short of independence, has begun to talk to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. At the same time, KLA political representative Adem Demaqi has warned that a guerrilla war would soon be launched.

The officials expect that US pressure will lead to an agreement to hold elections in Kosovo, establish an autonomous government, and approve a plan to reconsider the issue of independence in another 3-5 years.

They expect the agreement to be accompanied by a lifting of all sanctions against Yugoslavia, which from 1992 has been unable to take a seat in the UN or receive credits from international institutions, such as the World Bank.

At the same time, NATO will play a large role in the area. Members of the alliance are drafting plans to rebuild Albania's 5,000-member military and maintain a large presence in the country.

But the country is regarded as so divided and corrupt that few officials expect any significant amount of money to be given Tirana. A key step is expected to be the parliamentary referendum scheduled in November to approve the country's first post-communist constitution.

Few in the region, however, expect the prospective diplomatic settlement to do better than the Dayton agreement in imposing long-term stability in the region.

Even while some of these diplomats and officials blast Belgrade's crackdown on the Kosovo separatists, they insist that any settlement not include changes in Yugoslavia's current borders or a mere short-term presence of international troops.

"In my view, international support will be long term because the economic, regional, and religious [problems] are so high," Slovenian military chief of staff Brig.-Gen. Iztok Podbregar said. "This is not only the case in Bosnia, but also in Kosovo and Macedonia."

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"I do think that ultimately if the president and the Congress want to have the due process that they're both allowed in this instance, we may end up going to that next level [of an impeachment inquiry]," he said.

But he added that it is premature to decide on that step now.

Clinton's legal team fanned out across the television airwaves, arguing that the president made a personal mistake, but did nothing that should require him to leave office.

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Indyk said that negotiations could "move on from there to relaunching other tracks of negotiations so Israelis and Arabs can enter the 21st century in peace and not war."

Ross yesterday traveled to Egypt to discuss matters with President Hosni Mubarak. Then, back in Israel, Ross brought the Palestinians and Israelis together to work on some of the secondary, more technical, issues.

In Alexandria, at a joint news conference with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, Ross said that while the matters of redeployment and security commitments are the main stumbling blocks, the US proposal contained many other elements which are now being dealt with by the sides.

Focusing on such elements last night, cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat met at US Ambassador Edward Walker's home to discuss a number of issues, such as the opening of the Palestinian airport and safe passage between the West Bank and Gaza.

The committees working on these issues had broken off their work four months ago and only resumed yesterday.

While reaching agreement on many of these secondary matters is obviously important, both Palestinians and Israelis said the larger issues have to be worked out for any real deal.

Netanyahu told his cabinet that, as Israel has agreed to the withdrawal, there is nothing it can do to help the process along at this stage – it is all up to the Palestinians.

"There was progress in the talks with the Palestinians... we had almost reached certain understandings, but the Palestinians backed down," said Netanyahu, reiterating that if the PA would suppress terror groups like Hamas, the process could get moving.

"We fulfilled our obligations without receiving the basic return," he said.

The Palestinians, however, continue to accuse Israel of using security demands as a way of sidetracking the negotiations and diverting attention away from its obligation to withdrawal from a full 13 percent of the West Bank.

Looking forward despite all the pessimism, Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur said his office has prepared talking papers for discussions on the final status agreement.

"The office has come up with a conceptual framework for those negotiations," he said. "We have suggestions on how to carry out the talks, and while they are shelved at present the papers are constantly being updated."

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Sticking points in redeployment deal

By DANNA HARMAN

1. The next withdrawal.

The US initially proposed Israel withdraw from 13 percent of the West Bank, with the territory given to the Palestinians becoming either area A (i.e under full Palestinian control) or area B (i.e under joint Israeli and Palestinian control).

The Palestinians had wanted a more substantial withdrawal, but reluctantly accepted the US proposal. The Israelis refused, saying they could not and would not withdraw from more than 10% of the land.

The compromise worked out by the Israelis and the Americans stipulated that Israel would withdraw from 13% of the land in the following manner: 1% would become area A; 9% would become area B; and, significantly, 3% would be put in a new category – a nature reserve. In this reserve, Israel would have full security control and veto power over Palestinian building.

The Palestinians originally indicated this new plan was acceptable, but later said they would accept only the original US proposal and not the modified version.

2. Fighting terror.

Israel is demanding that the Palestinians commit themselves to a long list of steps in the fight against terror. This includes disarming Palestinian civilians and stopping incitement against Israel.

3. The Memorandum of Understanding.

The memorandum is the framework for security cooperation between the sides. In December, Israeli and Palestinian teams, working closely with the CIA, reached a compromise, but Israel later rejected it. Now, the Palestinians are refusing to renegotiate it.

4. Palestinian National Covenant.

Israel is demanding that the Palestinians convene the Palestinian National Council in order to cancel those parts of the covenant calling for Israel's destruction. The Palestinians claim this is unnecessary as the PNC, a body comprised of 545 people which meets every three years, already voted to do this in 1996. The PNC agreed then that it would set up a legal panel to actually make the changes, but never took this step.

The Palestinians now argue that a smaller body, the PLO executive council, has the authority to set up the legal council and move forward with the changes.

5. Discussion of interim period issues.

Bilateral issues such as the setting up of the Palestinian airport and seaports, the question of free passage, and the industrial park still must be resolved. Under this category also falls the demand that Israel release Palestinian prisoners. Many of the committees working on these issues seemed to be on the verge of reaching some compromise months ago, but never did. The committees just started meeting again yesterday.

IDF on high alert for Hamas attacks

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN, MOHAMMED NAJIB, STEVE RODAN and DANNA HARMAN

Security forces remained on high alert throughout the country yesterday and erected surprise road blocks along the Green Line to deter Hamas terrorists from carrying out their vow to avenge the deaths of Adel and Imad Awadallah.

The cabinet unanimously expressed its support for the Awadallah killings.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told the ministers that the Awadallah brothers were heavily involved in planning further terror attacks and called upon the Palestinian Authority to fight terror in accordance with its obligations.

In response to the Hamas threats of mass retribution, Netanyahu said if such a thing were to happen, Israel would strike back without mercy.

"Israel will not stand for the targeting of its citizens and will respond with a strong arm against all terror organizations," he said, according to the cabinet statement.

In the West Bank yesterday, soldiers clashed with Palestinian stone-throwers near Tekoa, wounding six with rubber bullets, including a seven-year-old, Palestinian sources said.

Some reports said that two girls were treated for tear gas inhalation after a gas canister landed in their school yard.

Eyewitnesses said the clashes began when Palestinians threw stones at passing Israeli cars.

In Beitunya, near Ramallah, scores of Palestinians hurled stones at IDF troops and burned tires to protest the Awadallah killings. Eyewitnesses said soldiers responded with tear gas and closed the road to Ramallah.

Meanwhile, the PA continued to defend itself against charges that it helped the IDF locate and kill the Awadallah brothers. Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub rejected the accusations.

"Now is not the time for mutual accusations," he said, "but Hamas should look clearly and logically at who gave information on the Awadallah brothers."

The PA has called on the international community to pressure Israel to reopen the territories. PA officials said the closure, scheduled to last into next month, will cause severe economic damage to Palestinians and cause shortages in medicine and other supplies.

The Voice of Palestine radio station said that Israeli police raided businesses in Jerusalem looking for Palestinians who illegally entered the city to work.

Palestinians also protested the closure by shutting the Karni entrance to the Gaza Strip.

Military sources could not confirm reports on Israel Radio and television last night that the closure is to last until after the High Holy Days.

"We are carrying out assessments periodically to examine the situation, and the steps we take are according to those assessments. We are in fact easing the closure by allowing humanitarian aide to get in and out," one military source said.

Palestinian demonstrators in the Dehaishe refugee camp burn American and Israeli flags yesterday. (Reuters)

Ya'alon rejects return of bodies

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said yesterday that Israel would not release the Awadallahs' bodies to their families for burial.

"We are going to bury them...We will do it," he said.

He denied in response to questions that Israel wanted to keep the corpses as "bargaining chips" with Hamas, saying the decision not to release them to their family was made on security grounds.

"The funeral itself would be a generator of violence," Ya'alon told foreign reporters.

Ya'alon said the Awadallah deaths would add to problems Hamas had faced since February, when Israel captured several militants and seized a large amount of explosives near Nablus in the northern West Bank. Ya'alon said the cell had been planning to bomb the central bus station in the Israeli port of Haifa.

He named two fugitives, Mohammad Deif and Mahmoud Abu Hnoud, as prime targets in Israel's hunt for Hamas military commanders.

"There are a lot of difficulties now for the Hamas cells in the West Bank but I know what I know and I don't know what I don't know," Ya'alon said.

Hamas and the men's family have alleged that Palestinian security services allowed Imad Awadallah to escape, expecting him to run to his brother, and cooperated with Israel in tracking the fugitives down.

Ya'alon declined to comment on the allegation, saying any cooperation was best kept secret. Another senior military official, however, said Israel had acted alone.

"There was no cooperation with anybody," the official said.

"It was very simple. They were killed and that's all. James Bond and 007 were not involved."

Ya'alon, who oversaw last Thursday's raid, said Israeli forces had hoped to capture the Awadallah brothers alive.

He said special forces who stormed the house preceded by dogs had expected to surprise the brothers taking an afternoon nap but instead discovered them each armed with two guns.

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in brief

Uzbek president arrives today

Uzbekistan President Islam Kariov is arriving today for a three-day official visit. He will meet Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and sign a trade agreement. He is also scheduled to hold meetings with Trade and Industry Minister Natan Sharansky, MK Shimon Peres (Labor), and President Ezer Weizman. In addition, Kariov will visit the Palestinian Authority and meet with top officials there. *Danna Harman*

Harel to replace Amidror

Brig.-Gen. Dan Harel has been appointed as military aide to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, replacing Brig.-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror who is to be promoted to major-general and command the military colleges. Harel, 43, previously served as chief artillery officer.

Harel was promoted to the post on Thursday afternoon at a short ceremony at the chief of general staff's office, the army said yesterday. Amidror, 50, will become the first observant member of the General Staff besides the chaplain-general. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Six groups certified to facilitate adoptions

Six associations to facilitate adoptions of children from abroad have been registered in Israel since the regulations governing adoption went into effect at the beginning of this year. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi and Labor and Welfare Minister Eli Yishai yesterday signed certificates of recognition for the associations.

The associations will be responsible for handling legal adoptions and for guaranteeing the payments made by the adoptive parents. At the same time, they will have to receive professional recommendations from psychologists about the families applying for adoption.

The regulations state that no family shall have to pay more than $20,000 for adopting a child. A prospective parent must be no more than 48 years older than the child, unless the parent has received permission from a special committee, the regulations stipulate. When necessary, the parents have to undertake to convert the child in Israel. *Batsheva Tsur*

Heart surgeon warned over racist statement

Although a Health Ministry committee recommended issuing an official reprimand to Prof. Danny Goor, who in 1995 said he would refuse to operate on Ethiopian immigrants because of the "risk of contracting AIDS," Health Minister Yehoshua Matza decided to issue a warning instead. The committee also investigated Goor's unauthorized released of statistics on heart bypass operations to promote his skills as a surgeon.

The ministry spokesman said that Matza decided to let Goor off with a more lenient punishment because three years had passed; *he voiced his regret over the statement; and he recently* suffered a heart attack and underwent a complicated bypass operation. *Judy Siegel*

Rabbi Sender Deutsch dead at 76

NEW YORK (AP) – Rabbi Sender Deutsch, the editor and publisher of the weekly Der Yid, has died of liver cancer at 76.

Deutsch, who was also a Satmar Hassidic leader, founded the *Yiddish-language newspaper 40 years ago. Der Yid had a circu*lation of 50,000, including overseas subscriptions, at the time of his death. Using the pen name Eliezer Epstein, Deutsch also wrote columns and editorials for the newspaper.

Born in Czechoslovakia, he was forced into slave labor in Hungry during World War II. After the war, he lived in a displaced persons camp where he met a cousin, Rachel Deutsch, and they married in 1947. They emigrated to the United States in 1949.

Post offices to sell Talkman cards

The Postal Authority and Cellcom have signed an agreement allowing the sale of Talkman cellular phone cards in all post offices. The Talkman is a cellular phone with no monthly bills; one buys a card worth NIS 50 or NIS 100 and by keying in a code number, can make calls worth that amount. As a result of the deal, Postal Authority officials say 700 postal branches will become the "largest chain of communications suppliers in the country." An experiment will soon begin in Bat Yam and Holon *postal branches, where Cellcom's cellular phones will be sold as* well. *Judy Siegel*

Ministry sending non-expert delegation to WHO conference

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza named his new executive secretary, Riki Shamir, as a member of the ministry's four-member delegation to this week's World Health Organization meetings in Copenhagen that are to focus on the growing resistance of bacteria to antibiotics. None of the ministry delegation, due to leave today, is an expert in the field.

After the issue of unsuitability was raised Thursday and yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*, delegation head Yair Amikam – a former journalist who is ministry deputy director-general for information – said yesterday morning the group is "the very best that the ministry can send."

But soon afterwards, he said that Shamir, who runs the minister's office, decided to cancel her trip. "When she told the minister, who returned from a visit to Cypress Saturday night, that she wants to take off three weeks for a trip to Thailand [starting *in a few days], he said he* couldn't manage without her for all that time, and asked her to choose between the two trips. She decided against going to Denmark."

Amikam said there was "absolutely no connection" between the *Post*'s queries on the matter and Shamir's cancellation.

Matza himself could have gone but decided *not* to, Amikam said, "because his daughter is due to give birth." He added that Matza chose the members of the delegation and wanted his office director to go "to familiarize herself with the workings of the WHO."

Aside from Shamir and Amikam, the delegation was to include Pinhas Hubert, the head of the ministry's international relations department (who has a bachelor's degree in medical organization), and Dr. Yitzhak Sever, former medical liaison to the Civil Administration, who is a general practitioner without expertise in microbiology or pharmaceuticals. The four-day visit for the four members of the delegation was to cost about $6,000.

Asked whether Shamir's cancellation would lead to the inclusion of an expert on antibiotics and bacteria, Amikam said, "We will consider it."

Ministry deputy director-general Dr. Boaz Lev, who heads the trips committee, said he wasn't aware that microbial resistance will be the highlight of the meetings. In any case, he said, deciding who goes is a minister's prerogative and is approved automatically.

Visits to doctor down 20% since '93

By JUDY SIEGEL

Israelis last year visited their doctors 20 percent less frequently than they did in 1993, even though universal health insurance for the whole population was launched in 1995, the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) disclosed yesterday.

The average number of per-capita visits to a physician dropped from 2.5 per three months in 1993 to 2.0 last year. When examining the figures for medical specialists separate from general practitioners, the statistics show that visits to a family doctor went down 18%, while consultations with specialists dropped 38%.

The survey, initiated by the Health Ministry's Center for Disease Control, showed that the *drop in visits to the doctor* appeared in all age groups.

The biggest reduction was among children up to the age of four and people over 75 – in this group the reduction in visits reached a whopping 60%.

Dr. Boaz Lev, deputy director-general of the Health Ministry, said he had not yet studied the CBS report and couldn't say for certain whether the findings represented good or bad news.

But he noted that Israelis are known to visit their doctors more frequently than in other Western countries, and that "there isn't a problem of accessibility to physicians here."

A Maccabi Health Fund spokeswoman said Maccabi has not noted any reduction in visits to doctors. Maccabi members have for years had to pay a NIS 5 fee for visiting a general practitioner and NIS 10 for a specialist per quarter; the Health Ministry wants to levy similar fees on members of other health funds, but because of the deadlock in its plans nothing has come of it.

Meanwhile, representatives of the four public health funds yesterday presented petitions with 250,000 signatures to cabinet secretary Dan Naveh to demand Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's personal intervention in their precarious financial situation.

The premier had issued instructions for the Treasury to repay NIS 350 million in debts to the health funds, but the Finance Ministry has not carried it out because the insurers refuse to sign agreements limiting their expenses next year *without knowing the extent of* their income.

Health fund members were asked to sign the petition during visits to community clinics. A recent Gallup-Israel poll found that 83% of the public identify with their insurers in their struggle for more funds against the Treasury.

The petitions urge Netanyahu to carry out the government's commitment to supply the funds needed for the basket of health services mandated by the National Health Insurance Law.

Because of severe deficits, all the health funds have cut back services. Maccabi's and Clalit's community clinics are closed on Fridays, and *Leumit* and *Meuhedet* have cut back on afternoon and evening hours.

A day in the park

Soldiers enjoy themselves at Tel Aviv's Luna Park yesterday, thanks to the Soldiers' Welfare Association. Approximately 5,000 soldiers from the Givati, Golani and Paratroop brigades and the Armored Corps got to take some time off and relax at the amusement park.

(Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Parents urged to report school safety problems

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Education Ministry has bowed to the pressures of the Israel Parents Association and is allocating more funds to solving school safety problems, but not all the problems have been solved, association chairman Shai Lachman said yesterday.

In Afula, parents reportedly said they would end a strike and send their children to school today for the first time since the end of summer vacation, after being promised by the government that a solution would be found for the issue of high preschool tuitions. Itim reported that parents yesterday blocked the Ruler Road leading out of the city. Two of the parents were arrested.

The Afula strike has kept some 12,000 youngsters home since the beginning of the school year.

The Arab comprehensive school in Acre also remained closed, with some 650 pupils kept home as parents pressed their demands to have a building constructed for the school.

Parents at State School Bet in Ma'aleh Adumim kept their children home again yesterday for the fifth day, to protest the continued presence at the school of a principal they say is no longer able to run it.

A spokesman for the parents said that Michal Abeles-Lev Ari has refused offers to go to other schools. The parents claim Abeles-Lev Ari is at odds with most of the teachers in the school and unable to run it properly anymore. Union officials were not available for comment.

Yesterday the Israel Parents Association sent letters to all the school parents associations, advising them to keep a lookout for safety infractions and to report them to the national association immediately.

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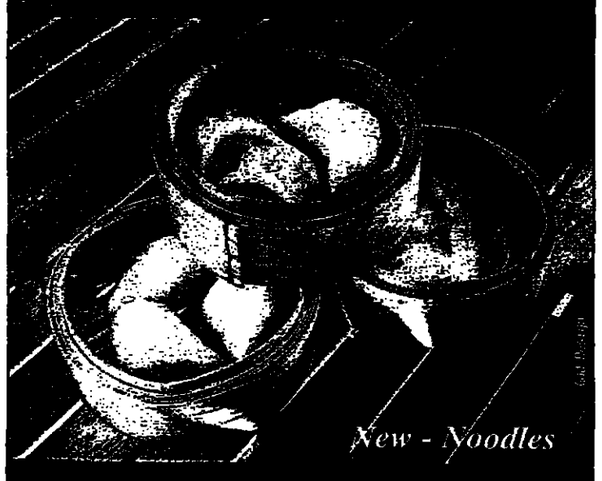

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Beit Shemesh dumping sewage into Nahal Sorek

By LIAT COLLINS

The Environment Ministry yesterday sought an injunction against the Beit Shemesh municipality, which has been directing the town's sewage into Nahal Sorek for the past few days.

The municipality last week closed off the previously used evaporation ponds to prepare the ground for a new wastewater treatment plant, but it did not consult with the ministry on temporary treatment options before pouring large amounts of sewage into the stream. The ministry learned of the pollution by chance.

"We were shocked to discover that the Beit Shemesh municipality or someone working for it decided to break down the rampart separating Nahal Sorek from the evaporation ponds and just let the sewage flow out as if this was the most natural thing in the world," said ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen yesterday.

She said the municipality had acted like a "thief in the night" and caused Nahal Sorek to become even more polluted. There has recently been an effort to clean up Nahal Sorek.

The ministry has started legal proceedings against the municipality. "Obviously we will not allow the town of Beit Shemesh to continue to pour its waste into Nahal Sorek," Ronen said. She said the ministry would prosecute anyone involved.

The municipality responded that it is investing thousands of dollars in establishing the new treatment facility and it had no intention of polluting Nahal Sorek.

Nehama Ronen (Israel Sun)

Yarkon pollution still scandalous – MK

By LIAT COLLINS

The continued pollution of the Yarkon River a year after the Maccabiah disaster is "scandalous," MK Micha Goldman (Labor) said yesterday.

Goldman chairs the special Knesset committee investigating the tragedy, which yesterday discussed the extent to which the pollution of the Yarkon River was responsible for the deaths of the four athletes killed when the bridge collapsed.

The panel failed to reach any firm conclusions other than the need for more action.

Moshe Blessenheim, who heads the Tel Aviv Municipality's Environment Authority, said the whole national establishment is to blame for being negligent and keeping quiet over the pollution of the Yarkon.

He described the situation as "catastrophic" and said that the responsibility lies with all the authorities which did not prevent the pollution – including the Interior Ministry, the municipalities, the Housing and Construction Ministry and others.

Goldman called on the Environment Ministry to prosecute local authorities which allow sewage to flow into the rivers. "If we want a better situation, we must be firmer," he said.

He also said Environment Minister Rafael Eitan should be stronger in facing the municipalities, which continue to pollute and demand the necessary budget to deal with the problems.

Not all those present at the meeting agreed that the pollution of the Yarkon is behind the athletes' deaths. Dr. Amelia Enis, from the Health Ministry's Epidemiological Department, told the committee that only in the case of one of the victims could the death be attributed conclusively to the pollution.

She said the ministry had monitored the rescue forces who had pulled the victims from the water, and out of 60 people only 34 suffered from aftereffects and those were light ones – such as vomiting, dizziness and rashes.

She did not, however, offer an explanation for the other casualties.

David Pergament, director of the Yarkon River Authority, said there are signs of improvement in the quality of the water there, although the weak flow means the water does not change quickly.

He said the authority suffers from financial difficulties, as it had received only two-thirds of its budget from the various ministries which are meant to fund it.

The Environment Ministry's Yeshayahu Bar-Or, in charge of the Water and Rivers Division, said the condition of the Yarkon would improve when new sewage treatment facilities start dealing with the waste from Hod Hasharon, Kfar Sava and Ramat Hasharon, along with the sewage from Kalkilya and Alfei Menashe.

He said more than NIS 100 million is being invested in this.

MK Micha Goldman

Report probing deaths of nine construction workers reveals

Safety procedures not followed at Ashkelon station

Safety regulations were not enforced strictly and safety inspections were not conducted as frequently as required at the Rutenberg Power Station in Ashkelon, according to the interim report presented to Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai yesterday by the committee investigating the deaths of nine construction workers at the new power station.

Yishai leaves today for Romania, where he will visit the families of the seven Romanian workers who were killed when the platform lowering them into a 250-meter tall chimney collapsed on May 8. An Indian worker and an American worker also were killed in the accident and four other workers were injured.

Yishai is to present the Romanian families with the interim report and the last-known photographs of the victims. A camera was found underneath the rubble after the accident. It contained film of the workers at the site that had been shot shortly before the accident.

Yishai will be accompanied by southern district labor supervisor Emanuel Greenberg, who is a member of the committee investigating the accident.

In addition to lax safety practices, the committee found that changes at the work site did not receive necessary authorization.

The interim report, which was due two months ago, took longer than expected to complete due to difficulties in collecting material from the site. A final report is expected shortly after laboratories finish analyzing the material. (Itim)

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in brief

Religious leader murdered in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) – A militant Sunni leader and three others were shot and killed on a highway near Islamabad yesterday in what appeared to be the latest attack in an ongoing feud between rival Islamic groups in Pakistan.

Islamabad police said four gunmen opened fire on a car being used by Shohaib Nadeem, deputy secretary general of the Sipah-e-Sahaba, or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet, near the Islamabad Airport.

Nadeem and the three others, including a bodyguard and a driver, had been driving to a rally in the mountain town of Murree, about 40 kilometers north of the capital. Police said the attackers stopped the car by firing into its tires. They then opened fire with automatic weapons, and paused to check that all four were dead before fleeing.

There were no immediate arrests.

Iranian official survives assassination attempt

TEHERAN (AP) – A senior Iranian official in charge of a multibillion dollar foundation survived an assassination attempt yesterday, officials in his office said. Mohsen Rafiqdoust, who heads the Bonyad Mostazafan and Janbazan, a foundation devoted to helping the poor and veterans of the 1980-88 war with Iraq, was in satisfactory condition, the officials said.

They did not say whether he had been injured and provided no other details.

Congolese rebels deny losing key town

NAIROBI (AP) – Rebels have denied the Congolese government's claim that it has recaptured Lubutu, a town on a key route between two rebel strongholds. Rebel-run Radio Bukavu said Saturday that forces opposing President Laurent Kabila still controlled Lubutu, about 360 km. northwest of rebel headquarters in Goma, eastern Congo, and about the same distance southeast of rebel-held Kisangani on the Congo River.

The radio report, monitored by the BBC in Kenya, also said rebels captured Shabunda and in eastern Kivu Province, as well as Buta and Banalia, both on a road that runs north from Kisangani. The reports could not be independently confirmed.

Protesters storm Albanian gov't

By BENET KOLEKA

TIRANA (Reuters) – Supporters of Albania's opposition Democratic Party stormed and set fire to the Prime Minister's Office yesterday to protest the assassination of opposition leader Azem Hajdari the night before.

Crying "Revenge!" a crowd of about 2,000 people first set fire to cars outside the Interior Ministry, whose walls were hit by bullets, before moving on to the nearby office of Socialist Prime Minister Fatos Nano.

Black smoke billowed from 10 cars burning in the street outside the premier's office in a reminder of scenes from March of last year when protests against the collapse of pyramid finance schemes turned violent and the country was on the brink of anarchy.

Protesters threw stones at the premier's three-story building before charging in to avenge the death of Hajdari, who was gunned down with one of his bodyguards by automatic rifle fire as he came out of his party office on Saturday night.

The Democratic Party blamed Nano for the killing of Hajdani, a hero of Albania's anti-communist revolution.

A reporter said she saw government cars leaving the premises from an opposite exit as protesters brandishing iron bars and firing pistols and Kalashnikov rifles entered the building.

Soon after, the ground floor was on fire and the crowd swept on through the streets of Tirana.

A government statement said the rioters had tried to reach a room where the government was in session and the offices of the premier and his deputies were attacked with stones and firearms.

"The government forcefully urges Democratic Party and its leadership to keep in check its armed people, to avoid confrontation with the police and wait for the results of investigation into the criminals who took the life of lawmaker Azem Hajdari," the statement said.

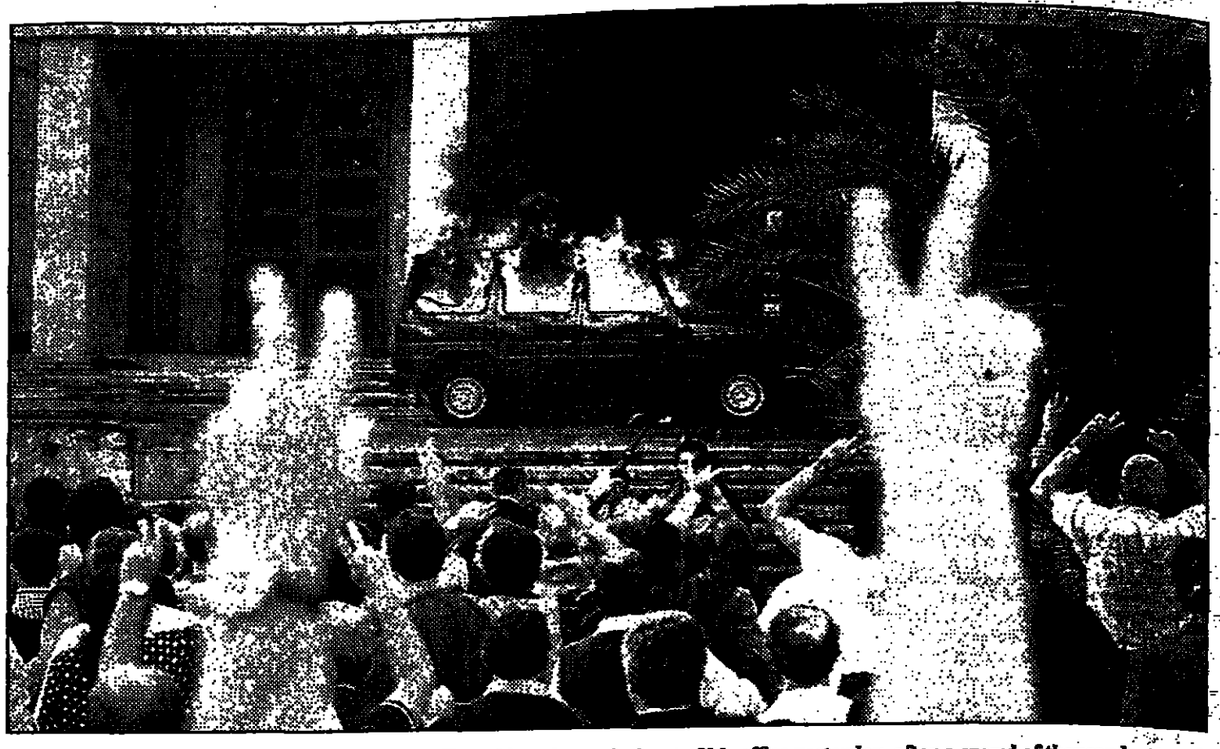
A Reuters Television cameraman said he saw at least one protester with a chest wound. Sources close to the family confirmed later Skender Kalenja, 58, had died.

Unconfirmed reports said the commander of the national guard and a girl were wounded, but their lives were not in danger.

Later in the day, Tirana streets were mostly deserted, but occasional gunshots were heard.

Ambassador Daan Everts, Tirana head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), called Hajdari's killing "atrocious" and appealed for calm.

He said representatives of the world community in Tirana would meet today to discuss the situation.



A car belonging to the escort of Prime Minister Fatos Nano burns in front of his office yesterday, after a crowd of thousands, angered by the killing of an opposition lawmaker, went on a rampage. (Reuters)

Poll: Kohl's CSU allies keep majority in Bavaria

MUNICH (Reuters) - Helmut Kohl's allies kept their overall majority in Bavaria yesterday, giving the chancellor a much needed boost two weeks before Germany's general election, an exit poll said.

The Christian Social Union won 52 percent of the vote for the Bavarian state assembly, the poll for ZDF television said.

The loss of an absolute majority would have dealt a severe blow to Kohl's campaign against Social Democratic front-runner Gerhard Schroeder.

The CSU, the sister party of Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, has ruled Bavaria alone since 1962. In 1994, it scored 52.8%.

The ZDF poll put Schroeder's opposition SPD at 30%, unchanged from their score four years ago.

It put the ecologist Greens at 5.5% of the vote, which if confirmed would see them retaining their seats in the state parliament. Support for the far right Republican party was estimated at 4%.

"If this result holds, it's a big defeat for the SPD and gives us a big boost for the federal election," said Michael Glos, the leader of the CSU in the federal parliament.

After scoring 52.8% in 1994, the CSU's worst showing in years, Bavarian state Gov. Edmund Stoiber had said that anything over 50% yesterday would be a good result, giving Kohl a "psychological boost" to help him catch up to the Social Democrats' popular chancellor candidate Gerhard Schroeder.

Austrian bank seeks Holocaust settlement

By ROLF SODERLIND

VIENNA (Reuters) - Austria's Creditanstalt bank said yesterday it had started talks with Jewish groups and Israel to examine its alleged involvement in the transit of gold robbed from Jews during World War II.

The bank, now part of the Bank Austria BA/CA group, said it was aiming at a Memorandum of Understanding under which its wartime past would be examined and the question of reparation dealt with.

"Out of moral responsibility towards the Jewish people and out of homage to the indescribable suffering caused by the Holocaust, the BA/CA Group has taken the decision not only to consider the current situation but also... to offer and to aim at an overall resolution of all matters which exist in this connection," the statement said.

Creditanstalt has been included in a lawsuit filed by Holocaust survivors against Germany's Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank in June.

The lawsuit charges that the banks knowingly traded in looted personal property, including gold stolen from victims of concentration camps.

The weekly magazine *Profil* said in a report to be published today that Creditanstalt had business contacts during the Nazi era with at least 13 concentration camps.

Documents to this effect had been found in Polish archives by a Vienna historian, Profil said. It quoted experts as saying the documents offered the first proof of a direct link between German/Austrian banks and Nazi concentration camps.

Creditanstalt, a subsidiary of Deutsche Bank during the war, said it was anxious to remedy what it called "omissions of earlier decades."

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The stars shine at 'Twilight'

Movie Review

By Adina Hoffman

In Robert Benton's moody, muted and intriguing thriller, *Twilight*, Paul Newman plays Harry Ross, a former private eye who has drunk himself out of a family and career. Sober now but slowed by age, Harry seems too tired of his own weaknesses, and others', to actively seek out work, though he does perform an occasional odd job for his old friend, Jack Ames (Gene Hackman), a retired movie actor who's dying of cancer.

TWILIGHT
★★★

Directed by Robert Benton. Written by Benton and Richard Russo. Hebrew title: *Sodot Afelim*. English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.
With Paul Newman, Susan Sarandon, Gene Hackman, Stockard Channing, James Garner, Reese Witherspoon and Giancarlo Esposito

Harry has come to live with Jack and his starlet wife, Catherine (Susan Sarandon), in their posh Art Deco Hollywood house and he returns the favor of their hospitality by grudgingly performing a variety of tasks: he delivers payoff money for Jack, lets Catherine tease him sexually (whether or not she's genuinely interested or just eager to prove she's still attractive, we cannot say for sure), and even takes the rap for various crimes that this couple of beautiful, selfish people may or may not have committed.

Twilight is a film noir shot through with shades of gray – a movie whose world-weary, stiff-jointed, geriatric main character seems a natural descendent of the cynical, melancholic gumshoes of an earlier era. At the same time that Benton and co-writer Richard Russo tell a modern story by harnessing a battery of standard noir devices and tropes (the tough-guy voice over, the fixation on death, the Los Angeles setting, the nostalgia for all that's lost and can't be replaced, the sudden outbursts of violence, the reliance on dim lighting and mellow trumpet music to create atmosphere, etc.), they also slyly manage to figure into the familiar equation an awareness of the genre's moribund nature.

It's almost as if they *know* that these formulas have run themselves into the ground and have resolved to take them out for one last spin, for old times' sake. That the stars are also past their prime is an additional given: Benson doesn't deny this but highlights it, turning the has-been status of Newman in particular into the tender pivot of the film.

The weakest part of the movie is the plot, which relies on a series of confusing and slightly incredible murders and blackmailing schemes for its rickety forward momentum. And while the pulpish twists and turns of the outline definitely limit *Twilight* and confine it too squarely to the category of swank B-movie, the film provides other pleasures, ones that make it easy enough to excuse its close brushes with narrative contrivance.

Set against the backdrop of a number of quirky yet elegant historic LA homes, the picture is first off a treat for the eyes, all glass, chrome and dappled pool water. Cinematographer Piotr Sobocinski's photography has such a dark, glittery lusciousness, we seem to be watching the action through a full glass of bourbon.

Twilight is also an obvious casting coup. Besides the inspired triad of Newman, Sarandon and Hackman, there are rich supporting roles for Stockard Channing and James Garner, as well as a group of fine younger actors (Giancarlo Esposito, Liev Schreiber, Reese Witherspoon and Margo Martindale) who play smaller parts. Benton and Russo have ingeniously conceived the script as a series of duets for Newman and another player, and each of these pairings (Newman with Sarandon, Newman with Hackman, Newman with Garner, and so forth) provides its own quiet moments of surprise and dry delight.

Newman is, if anything, even more subdued than usual here, his mellowing handsomeness hidden a bit behind the mask of his mustache. This is a good thing. With the exception of Channing – who manages to be quite charming, after her own hammy fashion – Benton works with the actors to muffle the high theatrics or sparks that might fly if a bunch of screen legends were to come together and jostle each other for the spotlight.

Instead, he encourages work in a minor key, a strategy especially suited to the knowing, seen-it-all personalities of Sarandon and Hackman. And though Benton's somewhat static direction occasionally threatens to dull out the proceedings (as happened in his last film, *Nobody's Fool*, which was both admirable and boring), he also demonstrates a sophisticated sort of wit, as well as an ear for bluesy syncopations that are new to his work and make this film enjoyable in a hushed and lingering way.

Harry Ross (Paul Newman, left) reminisces with Raymond Hope (James Garner) about friends from the past.

On Channel 1 tonight:
How Menahem Golan shot Versace

By BARRY DAVIS

Despite its distinctly Italian-sounding, fashion-world title, *Shooting Versace* (Channel 1, tonight at 9:30) could just as well been named, "*Menahem* Golan presents Menahem Golan."

The plot goes something like this: Fashion-world superstar and designer to the world's haves (Elton John and the late Princess Diana were amongst the many well-to-dos featured in his client list), is shot dead outside his Miami Beach home. The bullets fired from male model Andrew Cunanan's gun not only put an end to Gianni Versace's life, they also signaled the start of the race to get the story of Versace's murder filmed and into the movie theaters by Christmas.

This meant getting the whole product packaged and delivered within an incredible 18 days, and all on a shoestring budget.

Would it be possible? Would the movie come in on schedule and within budget? Sounds well-nigh impossible. But, if anyone could do it, film director Golan – veteran of over 200 movies such as *Death Wish II* and *Operation Thunderbolt*, and formerly one of the world's most powerful independent producers – would have to be the man.

More than anything else, *Shooting Versace*, is a stark chronicle of behind-the-camera interpersonal dynamics when the heat is on. Just in case anyone thought that directors always get their way on film sets, think again. Golan and producer Sam Lupowitz lock horns time and again and, despite much posturing from Golan as he storms off the set threatening to "get the next plane home to Israel," Lupowitz manages to lay down the law with unwavering discipline.

As Lupowitz says: "The director has the last word to the extent that I allow the director to have the last word."

In addition to providing the viewer with a glimpse of the ever-evolving director-producer relationship, the documentary provides Golan with an opportunity to explain the wonders of his craft to the uninformed pleb. When asked about the essence of the director's work, he responds unequivocally and succinctly: "It's his responsibility not to bore the shit out of you."

In order to keep the filmgoers on the edge of their cinema seats, it seems the director's craft is very much about creating "reality" when none exists. Golan's single-minded Machiavellian approach to getting the job done is graphically portrayed when he encounters the logistical problem of shooting a scene with press personnel when there are, in fact, very few around. But, as Golan insists in his somewhat less-than-Oxfordian English: "This scene will show, exactly, a press conference," adding semi-apologetically: "Of course, it's better if you have some press people."

But, should any viewers – somehow – happen to arrive at the conclusion that Golan is all professionalism and no sensitivity, they will stand corrected. For the scene which recreates the murder, Golan elects to take on the onerous responsibility of spraying the killer (off camera) with a sanguine-looking liquid. When asked why he doesn't leave the job to one of the staff, he replies self-righteously: "Because you need someone with feelings, you can't have a technician," and unceremoniously plugs his ears with cotton wool to muffle the sound of the shot.

At the end of the day, despite the constant entrenchment, bickering and odd four-letter word, Golan and Lupowitz seem to eventually develop a tolerable modus vivendi, if not a degree of mutual warmth.

Toward the end of the shooting, as Golan remonstrates with his props man for not getting the pseudo-Versace villa gates ready on time, Lupowitz places a hand on the director's heaving shoulder and mutters: "Calm down." And he does.

Acre stages our modern history

By HELEN KAYE

This year's Acre Festival runs from October 5 to 8 in and around the Old City's Crusader castle. The festival offers the public 23 plays, eight of which are street-theater productions. All eight, and 11 of the other plays, will compete for some NIS 30,000 in prizes in the traditional competition.

Festival artistic director Roni Ninio said that "the plays this year reflect our preoccupations as Israelis and reflect the realities of our lives from the effects of the Holocaust to the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin."

Among the veterans, shockmeister Honi Hame'agel returns to the festival with *Mice in the Kindergarten*, an audience participation play which examines the important events of our lives from circumcision to mourning. Haim Marin's *My Jubilee* provides a look at important dates in the state's 50 years as seen through the eyes of the second generation of Holocaust survivors. *Long Live Life*, by Kobi Lurie, is a cabaret combined from programs that actually took place in the Terezin ghetto. *Rust*, by Avishai Hadari, takes a look at violence in Israeli society, and *Happy Birthday* is a black comedy looking at the same subject from the perspective of Rabin's murder.

The Arma Theater presents *Made in Israel*, anecdotes on Israeli culture which wander through 21 spaces, taking the audience along. The wonderful Albert Cohen is also going to Acre as the father in Avner Ben Hecht's *6 JNF St.*, a play about strokes and their effects on the family.

Street-theater plays have had their own competition at the Haifa Children's Theater Festival for years, but this will be their first competition at Acre. The plays include the environmental parade which debuted at the Jubilee Exhibition, *Pocket Circus*; and a giant puppet show, *The Giant Lizard Circus*. Both debuted at the Street Theater Festival in Bat Yam. *The Hands*, yet another creation from the ubiquitous and endlessly gifted Klipa Theater, is also to appear.

One of the curiosities at this year's festival will be a 12-minute opera by 13-year-old Tamar Hochstetter called *The Trials of Mucholina*. Another fresh change is the enlivening of the street theater by Spanish clown Leandre and US juggler Lee Hayes.

Tickets average NIS 55, NIS 2 less than last year, with shows ranging from NIS 40 to NIS 80.

'Mice in the Kindergarten' examines the major events in our lives, from circumcision to mourning.

THIS year's Acre Festival has its chin up, its shoulders squared and its eyes alight. And whether it admits it or not, it has its back to the wall.

The festival nearly didn't happen because of old and allied nemeses, deficits and funding. However, a last-minute solution at the end of July provided a legal framework for the disbursement of some NIS 700,000 owed to the participants of Acre Festival '97. Unbelievably, most of this money still has not been paid. Moreover, the creditors are being asked, and most have generously agreed, to forgo the interest and cost-of-living increases owed them.

Attorney Shai Ulshevitzky was appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture to oversee the transfer of funds and the ministry's Dan Ronen said "that those who have contracts will get their money."

At last week's press conference, the organizers categorically stated that "unless debts are paid we will not go to Acre." The productions move to Acre on September 23, so attorney Shai Ulshevitzky has his work cut out.

But the organizers' ringing declaration should be taken with a pinch of salt, because back when ZOA House chief Yoram Kleiner agreed to be the festival's producer, he said, equally decisively, that unless the NIS 700,000 problem was cleared up by May 31, there would be no Acre Festival.

The ever-lurking fear is that the Arts and Culture Authority would like nothing better than the festival's demise. Budget constraints have reduced the festival's funding from NIS 3.8m. in 1995 to NIS 2.4m. this year, and the recession has deterred corporate sponsorship.

But back in May Ninio said, "there are just too many exciting ideas for us to give up on the festival." Let's hope, for Acre's sake, that he's right.

'Dybbuk' scores in Ra'anana

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra's commitment to Israeli music is no secret. In recent years, the orchestra commissioned and performed several compositions by local composers, many more than any other orchestra.

To emphasize its commitment to Israeli music, the orchestra has been opening its seasons with a concert devoted to the work of a local composer. This season will highlight Yosef Bardanashvilli, one of the more intriguing and penetrating Israeli composers of our time and the orchestra's composer-in-residence.

Bardanashvilli is an obvious choice, not only because of his association with the orchestra, but because he is one of the more important and captivating composers in Israel today.

Bardanashvilli, 50, came to Israel only a few years ago from Georgia, where he wrote classical music, operas, ballets and music for film and theater. After a hiatus upon his arrival, Bardanashvilli now has ongoing commissions from Israel and abroad to write chamber music, symphonic music, opera and music for theater. The upcoming Symphonette concert will feature his various styles.

The orchestra will play Bardanashvilli's overture titled *Sinfonia* and a klezmer quintet he wrote for the production of *The Dybbuk* at the Habimah National Theater. The composer's piano concerto *Quasi uno fantasia* will be premiered and his *Children of God*, a special work commissioned and premiered by the Symphonette last year, will also be performed.

Bardanashvilli's music for *The Dybbuk* is a masterpiece, one of the best scores ever written for Israeli theater. It is not background music, but a major asset of the production – setting the atmosphere, highlighting the characters and emotions and becoming part of the action. The score is not soothing or comforting – it is scorching, aching and fiery.

Children of God, for countertenor and orchestra, is dedicated to the memory of Gadi Notes, an Israeli on the verge of becoming a Wall Street meteor who was killed in the 1996 TWA plane crash. It uses as its source material universal texts of the three monotheistic religions, including the Bible, the New Testament and the Koran. All the texts call for love, peace, tolerance and understanding.

The Symphonette recorded this opus last year and is now presenting it on a new disc produced in memory of Gadi Notes. The disc also features several more traditional classical music works performed by the Symphonette.

The Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra's season opener, tomorrow at 9 p.m. in Ra'anana's Yad Labanim, is one of the major music events of the season. Everybody who cares about music in general and about contemporary Israeli music in particular should be there.

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Oslo's loose ends

As the world waits for Washington to emerge from its prurient haze, American mediator Dennis Ross continues to shuttle between Jerusalem, Cairo, and Ramallah. In the seven months since the the US put forth its compromise plan, Israel has dropped one after another of its demands for changes, however justified. Now it is beginning to look like the Palestinians were bluffing when they signaled their acceptance of the US plan, and that once again, they would rather keep Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu from benefiting from an agreement than reap the benefits themselves.

A few months ago, it seemed impossible that Israel would budge from the 9 percent or 10% withdrawal approved by the cabinet to the 13% proposed by the US and supported by the Palestinians. Israel also seemed immovable on the question of defining the scope of a third redeployment now, rather than go through an equally grueling round of negotiations on that withdrawal in the future.

By now, Israel has reportedly accepted the American figure of a 13% withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, with the small face-saving proviso that the Palestinians temporarily freeze their rights to build on 3% of the territory, to be designated a "nature reserve." Rather than reflecting a new found interest in flora and fauna, what is really being preserved is the ability of both sides to claim victory in the numbers game. In reality, however, it is the Palestinians' claim that will count, if reports are correct that the "reserve" will be considered part of Area B, and therefore unofficially earmarked for future full Palestinian control.

Israel also lost the argument over the third redeployment, which will be turned over to a committee for future resolution. This is unfortunate, because it means that the decks have not been fully cleared of interim issues before final status talks begin.

With these major, and host of smaller issues – such as a safe passage corridor between Gaza and the West Bank, the Karni industrial zone, and the Dahaniya airport – largely resolved, the parties have returned to the most basic stumbling blocks: fighting terrorism and amending the PLO Covenant.

The issue of fighting terrorism was highlighted by the killing by the IDF on Thursday of Hamas master bomber Adel Awadallah and his brother Imad. As with many aspects of the war against terrorism, it is difficult for the outside observer to tell whether this incident was an example of successful Palestinian-Israeli security cooperation. The Palestinian Authority vehemently denies its involvement, and even the IDF claims that it only discovered the terrorists' identities after they were killed.

Wherever the truth lies, the incident serves as a reminder that, five years after the famous Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn, the threat of terrorism still hangs over the peace process. On this fifth anniversary, the Prime Minister's Office has released the sobering figures: 279 Israelis have been killed in terrorist attacks since Oslo process began, just over the number killed during the 15 years before Oslo.

Since Palestinian security forces are loathe to admit cooperation with Israel, despite their commitment to fight terrorism, it his hard to tell how much cooperation there really is. But it is clear that what cooperation there is tends to be sporadic, and there is no Palestinian effort to systematically dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism.

Though the Israeli government has compromised in many other areas, the "working plan" outlining the rules for security cooperation is one area where Israel must not bend. Any redeployment deal that does not effectively enhance security cooperation is not worth signing, even if it means continuing the current stalemate.

Israel also cannot afford to brush aside the issue of amending the PLO Covenant, particularly when the PA continues to pump into its schoolchildren the most vicious anti-Israel screed. A recent edition of an official PA eighth-grade textbook teaches that "Zionism is the example of a racist ideology. The prime examples of racial discrimination are Zionism and Nazism." Children's programs broadcast on official Palestinian television feature "summer camp" training with automatic weapons, and children chanting: "I foresee my death and I rush towards it... a hero's death, the death of a suicide warrior." This last gruesome footage was broadcast on August 10.

The scenes of Palestinian children being taught to hate Israel and prepare for war are heart-breaking and unacceptable. One important component of the US proposal is a joint committee on incitement, which should help raise the profile of this issue. But educational messages must begin at the top, and that means creating a Palestinian nationalism that is not built upon adulation of suicide bombers and the goal of destroying Israel.

Both Palestinians and Israelis must be convinced that a real change has occurred, and this process can only begin when the PLO Covenant – five years late – is purged of its calls for Israel's destruction.

Education first

YOSEF GOELL

Last week, on the belated first day of school, the media made a whole to-do over a typical stumble by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Addressing a class of schoolchildren, Bibi announced that he and Finance Minister Yaacov Neeman had decided to eliminate customs on all computers, not realizing that there were already no customs on computers imported from the US and Europe and that there was only a one percent tax on those imported from other countries.

Bibi's stumble was part of his public relations *shtik* that promises a computer to each pupil. His focusing on that issue, and the media's slavish response, served to divert the public's attention from the real scandal of the Netanyahu government's attitude to education.

There is no comparing the as yet debatable impact of providing every schoolchild with a computer to providing all pupils with a good teacher, and in a reasonable teacher-pupil ratio. It is here that the Netanyahu government is short-changing Israel's children.

The same Netanyahu—Neeman team that is making empty promises of a computer for every pupil is the same team that is pushing a budget that once again cutting education to the bone.

There is a pattern here. The first Likud governments of 1977-1992 cut education not only to, but deep into the bone, resulting in fantastically overcrowded classes, underpaid teachers; and I would not hesitate to assert – a very definitely dumber Israel.

Readers by now are aware of my critical - to understate the case - attitude to our Orthodox religious establishment. But one of the things that I am extremely proud of is that Judaism as a civilization - and a religion for nearly the entire period in exile - has always emphasized the critical importance of educating its children. True, that traditional emphasis on education was applied only to male and not to female children. But nonetheless, by the 19th century, when the Western world began to open up opportunities to Jews, we were fantastically more literate and better educated than the goyim.

It is not that the Likud – as opposed to Labor – is against education. Both have given education impressive lip service, and no one has done so more than Mr. Big Lip, our current prime minister. But the Likud's political priorities are expressed in budgets that divert large chunks of state funds from education to settlement in the territories and buying religious and haredi support for its continued tenure of power.

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Labor's Shimon Peres was always prepared to match Likud's offers to religious coalition partners, shekel for shekel. But when Labor returned to power in 1992 under Yitzhak Rabin, the first budget restored several billion shekels to the starved education system.

It is true that money alone cannot better education; but better education cannot be achieved without more money.

Money is needed to slash the number of pupils in the average classroom, which has again climbed to the preposterous 40 per class level.

The most chagrining aspect of this overcrowding is that it is nearly exclusively true of the secular state school system. The state religious system has been reducing the number of children in its classes by separating boys and girls in the lower grades. The competing haredi Sephardi Shas school system, which is funded munificently by the very same government that has been so close-fisted with the general school system, is seducing parents to transfer their children to its educationally sub-standard schools by offering smaller classes, long school days and free lunches.

Where most of the government money should be going is to raising the quality and enhancing the status of the teachers. One of the rules of the free market economy that our leaders have been touting is "you get what you pay for."

If we insist on paying beginning teachers between NIS 3,000 - 4,000 a month and teachers with advanced degrees and 15 years of experience, less than NIS 7500, that's the level of education our children will get.

The teachers' unions have just ended a strike with shockingly small gains. There will be more strikes in the future. In preparation, the teachers must form an alliance with their pupils' parents, turned off by the strikes because they deprive them of the schools' babysitting functions. Parents should be made to understand that much better paid teachers will provide their children with greater life opportunities and that teachers and parents should be natural allies.

Many of the today's parents are themselves the products of the slashed-to-the-bone educational system of 15-20 years ago. And many of them are incapable of identifying what constitutes good education for their own children, let alone what is shockingly substandard. But nearly all parents care that their children be well educated and well prepared for life.

It is the task of the teachers to educate the parents and encourage them to join them in the demands for vastly higher government investment in education – at the expense of the government's skewed and screwed political priorities.

The limits of power

YOSSI OLMERT

President Bill Clinton may be on the verge of political demise, and the Israeli-Palestinian political process is in a deep coma. Is there a connection?

The conventional wisdom is that there must be some connection. This is so because the US is the only world power both interested and capable of bridging the gaps between Israel and the Palestinians, the only honest broker in a process characterized by profound suspicion and mistrust.

Conventional wisdoms tend almost regularly to prove wrong, and political theory, in most cases, lags behind political realities. This is the case with regard to the Arab-Israeli peace process, including the Israeli-Palestinian process.

Anwar Sadat's visit in 1977 and the Oslo breakthrough of 1993 both came about without prior American initiative or knowledge. What followed, the Camp David Accords, and the Israeli-Palestinian agreements, including the Hebron Agreement of January 1998, became flexible largely thanks to American involvement, and they reflected a genuine desire on the part of the parties concerned to conclude agreements reflecting their respective interests as they understood them. American pressures were instrumental and effective only in so much as they corresponded with the tactical and strategic interests of Israelis and Arabs.

Before Clinton's current crisis unfolded in the world arena, his administration proved unable to untie the Israeli-Palestinian Gordian knot. The reason was that the Oslo process came to an untimely end sometime before the Israeli elections of 1996 and was dead and buried following the Hebron Agreement.

Even a politically vigorous American president is incapable of forcing the Israelis and Palestinians to do what they do not want to do

Rampant terrorism in early 1996 completely undermined the Israeli public's support for Oslo, and the Hebron Agreement was the limit of Binyamin Netanyahu's maneuvering room within his own coalition. Also Yasser Arafat is unable and unwilling to proceed with the process.

So, when the two key actors are so reluctant to reach agreement, even a politically vigorous American president is incapable of forcing them to do what they do not want to do, let alone when the president is a lame duck.

NETANYAHU knows that he will not be able to hold his coalition together until November 2000 because there are enough MKs who will vehemently oppose any more withdrawals. There are also MKs who threaten to bring him down for exactly the opposite reasons, but they are less dangerous to Netanyahu because he is doing a clever job of putting the entire blame for the political impasse on Arafat's shoulders.

Netanyahu's main battle cry against the Palestinians relates to the question of terrorism, and on this one Netanyahu is absolutely right. Arafat and his main lieutenants still find it difficult, if not impossible, to separate themselves completely from using terrorism as a legitimate tool of putting pressure on Israel. Unfortunately, terrorism is a tactic turned strategy in the minds of the Palestinian leadership, and with an approach like that, there can be no real breakthrough in the negotiations.

One can draw a comparison between our situation, and the Irish problem. There, an horrific act of terror unleashed such a public outcry that even the outcasts of Irish politics decided to declare a unilateral and unconditional cease-fire. Can people in their right mind foresee a parallel development among the Palestinians?

As long as Arafat shies away from seriously and irreversibly tackling the danger of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, a Netanyahu government will not sign any more agreements with him.

While Arafat views terrorism as his main weapon against Israel, he also knows that Netanyahu's interpretation of the Oslo Accords is fundamentally different than that of his Labor predecessors, their architects. The differences relate to Palestinian statehood, Jerusalem, settlements, and other important elements. Hence, Arafat's incentive to continue the Oslo process is minimal, perhaps even non-existent.

This is why the process is in deep freeze, not Monica Lewinsky or any other of Bill Clinton's girlfriends.

P.S. I personally adore Clinton, like his pro-Israeli sentiment, and wish to see him through his current predicament.

A sweet blow at cynicism...

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

It was perhaps inevitable in a society as race-obsessed as ours that even the storybook home run chase of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa should carry the taint of race.

The Washington Post brought the unspoken issue to its front page with a story on how the home run derby, while "wholesome and inspiring... also illuminates the eternal American dilemma of race."

After all, why were so many more Americans (in one unscientific poll, 79 percent) rooting for the white-skinned Paul Bunyan to break the record than for the dark-skinned Dominican (16 percent)?

The Post is right that McGwire-Sosa is "yet another opportunity for the nation to play out its racial and ethnic anxieties." But so was O. J. And as with O. J., it shouldn't be.

True, there was a time when racism played a part in diminishing the achievements of great black athletes. Willie Mays received far less recognition – and fewer endorsements – than Mickey Mantle. And Henry Aaron famously received death threats when challenging the lifetime home run record of Babe Ruth.

But what was true then is simply not true now. Twenty-five years later, this is a country in which the most respected national political figure is Colin Powell, the most worshiped athlete is Michael Jordan, and the most honored and rewarded entertainers are Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby.

The barrier facing Sosa has nothing to do with race and everything to do with celebrity. People were rooting for McGwire because people knew McGwire – or had that ersatz intimacy that one has with celebrities. Until this year, no one had heard of Sosa.

For good reason. Sosa always has been a fine ballplayer, but hardly great. And particularly ungreat as a home run hitter.

While more rounded than McGwire – Sosa is a terrific fielder and prolific base-stealer – before this year, he'd never hit more than 40 home runs in a year.

McGwire hits 40 home runs for breakfast: four times in his career (plus 39 twice) and now three years in a row with more than 50. Over the past three years he'll have averaged close to 60.

McGwire has been a phenom from the day he broke into the major leagues. In 1987, he hit more homers than any rookie ever and became the unanimous choice for rookie of the year, only the second player to be accorded that honor.

McGwire was the popular favorite because he had earned the right to sit at the throne of Babe Ruth. Sosa is talented, but McGwire is Ruthian. He is the only player to hit more home runs per at-bat than Ruth. Ruth hit one in every 11.8 tries; McGwire, every 11.3. In the past four years, he's hit one every 8.2; this year, a staggering 7.4.

And McGwire's home runs are Ruthian not just in frequency but in trajectory, prodigious shots to places in ballparks – and out – that no one has ever before reached.

Sosa, as a home run hitter, is a one-year wonder. In that way he resembles Roger Maris. Apart from his magical 61 in '61, Maris never led the league in homers. He never hit more than 39. He was never a year-in, year-out slugger like Ruth or McGwire or, for that matter, Mickey Mantle. Maris's rival for popular affection in 1961.

Mantle then, like McGwire today, was the popular favorite not just because of his winning public persona (and certainly not because of his race: Both he and Maris were white), but because he had been hitting home runs forever. Mantle ended up with 536, almost twice Maris's 275.

And if Sosa had so little public support because of his race, why were so many people pulling for Ken Griffey, until he went into a home run stall in August? Answer: Because Griffey too has a track record as a great home run hitter. He might even break Aaron's career mark of 755. Griffey is approaching 350 and he's not even 30 years old.

In the end, however, it is Sosa and McGwire themselves who, with the camaraderie and goodwill they've shown each other throughout the season, have refuted the race talk better than any analysis or statistic. Without a touch of self-consciousness, with a simple display of personal affection and professional respect, they have not only transcended the racial issue but brought a Norman Rockwell wholesomeness to pro sport that hasn't been seen since Joe DiMaggio.

In an age featuring everything from the unrepentant Pete Rose to the unspeakable Dennis Rodman, here are two great players saluting family, history and each other. They've struck a sweet blow at cynicism, racial and otherwise.

(Washington Post Writers Group)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAIM YAVIN'S SALARY

Sir, – I, like many other Israel Broadcasting Authority television tax payers, wonder why Haim Yavin would be hired back at his exorbitant salary, when we are all perfectly happy without him. When the budget at IBA is constantly in crisis, it makes absolutely no sense to pay this huge salary to Yavin when all they are getting is the person who had the number two rated spot in a two station market when he was at *Mabat* before his departure for Channel 2.

I think it is time for all IBA television tax payers to stand up and say enough. If we have to pay this tax, then we should have a say when it comes to spending so much. Maybe if Uri Porat and some of the other upper management team are ready to cut their salary in order to bring Yavin back, then let them. Otherwise, they should have stayed with the team that raised the ratings. If they had to make a change, they should have let some of the other established newsmen on the payroll co-anchor with Geula Even to give the age/experience that she lacked.

CARLA RANEY

Jerusalem.

JUSTIFICATION

Sir, – The architects of Oslo believe they can justify the irresponsible commitments they made to the Arabs. But how will those patrons of democracy ever justify the gang of extortionists, thieves and murderers they imposed upon the Palestinians as their rulers?

ZVI STONE

Jerusalem.

KUDOS TO EL AL

Sir, – One often hears complaints about the service and attitude on El Al so it is our pleasure to be able to commend and thank the El Al staff, in particular the El Al supervisors at Ben-Gurion Airport on the night between September 2 and 3, Gil and Helen.

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We found Gil and Helen and the other El Al staff exceptionally pleasant and helpful.

SARA AND AMMI SHOR

Ma'aleh Adumim.

THANKS

Sir, – I would like to thank you for the way in which you reported the tragic story "Hebron man killed in terror attack" (*JP*, August 21). By reporting the story without characterizing this Jewish resident of Hebron as a "settler," you placed this story in the proper perspective of murders in pogroms throughout history. In contrast, those who use the word "settler" are implying that these residents are colonists who do not belong there.

MICHAEL SEGAL

Boston.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On September 14, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that according to all forecasts this proved to be a bumper year in the building industry. The Palestine Government, however, continued to grant municipal status to many Arab localities, and ignored Hadera, Rehovot or Petah Tikva which housed a far larger number of Jewish settlers.

50 years ago: On September 14, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that although the Arabs continued to provide Jerusalem with a wartime setting by shelling, mortaring and sniping, the schools opened as scheduled. A number of teachers of military age had been released from full-time service.

In Alexandria the Arab League announced that the planned Palestine Arab Government will take over her armed forces, composed of Moroccans, Sudanese, Yemenites, Yugoslavs, Caucasians and other Moslems.

25 years ago: On September 14, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that 13 Syrian MIG 21s fighter planes were downed by the Israel Air Force when they attempted to interfere with an I.A.F. Mediterranean patrol and rescue mission. An Israeli Mirage was hit but its pilot was rescued together with a Syrian pilot by a helicopter.

Alexander Zvielli

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After Starr's Report, Fallout Beyond Clinton

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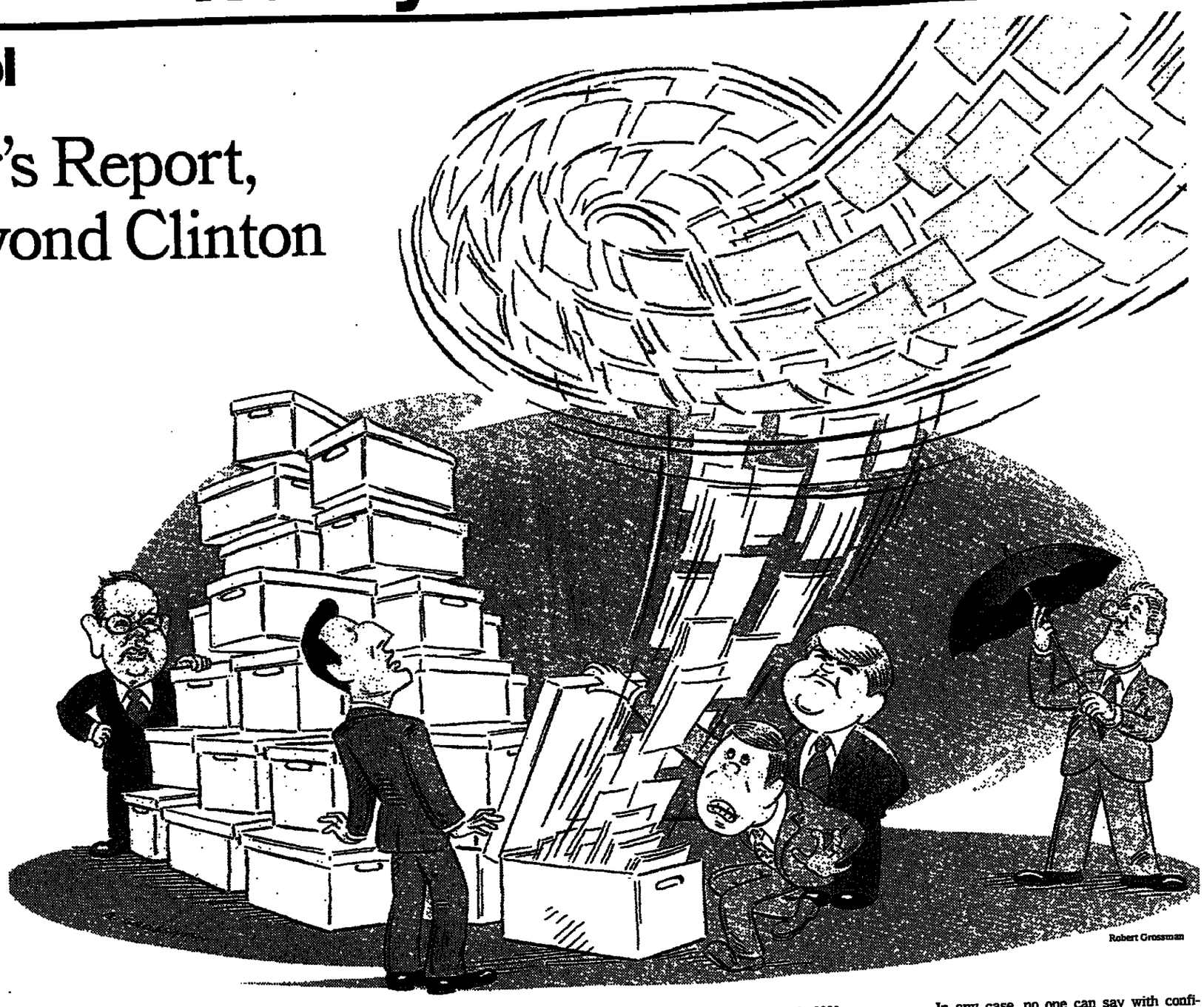

Robert Grossman

WASHINGTON

KENNETH W. STARR'S report became public so suddenly last week that Americans are still digesting its charges and tawdriness and weighing their significance.

But already potentially seismic attitudes are taking shape. The politicians, strategists and scholars trying to gauge them are certain of little except that much is at stake, regardless of whether Bill Clinton survives as President.

They are considering the implications for the elections this November and in 2000. They wonder what the consequences are for the Presidential ambitions of Vice President Al Gore, Speaker Newt Gingrich and Representative Richard A. Gephardt. They worry about whether the public's view of Congress will be burnished or tarnished.

Some of the implications are apparent. Republicans, most agree, cannot help but gain in the short run, although how much the gain will be is open to debate.

But other questions cannot be answered so readily. It is unclear whether a Congress so polarized politically can judiciously handle an impeachment inquiry. No one knows for sure whether Mr. Gingrich's mien will be level headed or explosive. Democrats wonder whether Mr. Gephardt, their leader in the House, will defend the President or abandon him.

The Surprise Effect

Oddly, if Republicans win enough swing seats in the next elections, the result could be a moderating influence on that party's ideology and force the Democrats more to the left.

"This could define a generation of politics for both parties," said Senator Chuck Hagel, a Republican from Nebraska.

With that in mind, Congressional leaders from both parties last week promised moderation and nonpartisanship, well aware of the public distaste for the normal sniping and back-biting.

But it seems naïve to expect that Congress will change its ways dramatically or for long. Ross K. Baker, a political scientist at Rutgers University who specializes in Congress, had this forecast: "What we're going to see from Congress is at least theatrical exhibitions of statesmanship. It may be a pose. Or people may actually be on their best behavior for a while. But this will be very difficult to sustain over time."

As if to document Professor Baker's point, Senator Sam Brownback, a Republican from Kansas, disregarded his leaders' cautions and went to the Senate floor on Thursday to demand Mr. Clinton's resignation. And in the House of Representatives, the Rules Committee's vote was along straight party lines to reject the White House's request for 48 hours to study the Starr report before its public release.

Democratic politicians make no secret of their distress. "I can't imagine this in any way helping any Democrat anywhere," said Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa. But "if we handle it correctly," he went on, trying to sound upbeat, "it may be possible to keep the Republicans from using it to advance their own political power."

Republicans are of two minds over whether to go after the President aggressively in the next few weeks in the hopes of gaining maximum advantage in this year's elections or to take a more cautious approach with an eye to the Presidential race in 2000.

But while a crippled Clinton Presidency might seem to be to the Republicans' advantage, the problem is that "two years is a very long time politically," said Jeffrey Eisenach, a former Republican strategist and aide to Mr. Gingrich who now runs the Progress and Freedom Foundation, a conservative research institute.

"It doesn't seem impossible to me that Clinton could recover to something close to neutrality," Mr. Eisenach said.

In any case, no one can say with confidence how the Clinton scandal will translate into votes on Nov. 3. For years, people outside Washington have been more forgiving of the President's missteps than have those in the capital. Mr. Eisenach had this explanation: "If you live in Peoria and someone soils the nest in Washington, it is not your nest. But if you live in Washington, it's personal."

In political circles, according to Charles E.

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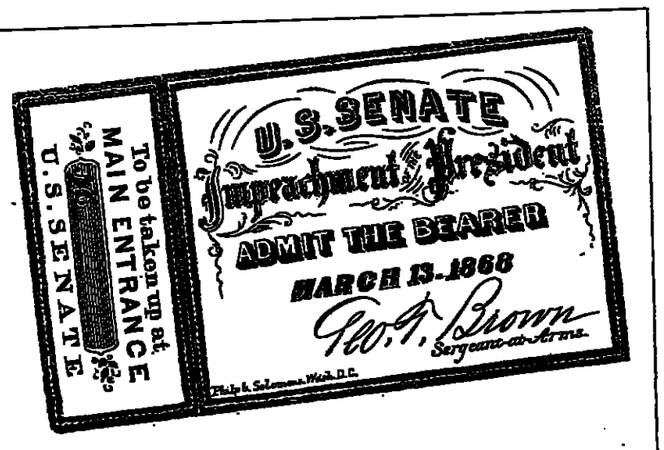

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In Indonesia, poor people pound coins into jewelry as the country is caught in economic crisis.

WASHINGTON

LONG before the Asian economic crisis threatened a broader global meltdown, American officials saw a silver lining in all those plunging markets and dissolving currencies. The world, it said, was beginning to see the benefits of unfettered, American-style capitalism.

For a while it looked like a convincing argument. When South Korea needed emergency Western aid, the quid pro quo was an agreement to lift restrictions that had long kept foreign competitors at bay, in everything from computers to financial services. Politicians around the world reluctantly went along with the Washington orthodoxy that if they stopped meddling in the markets and let international investors move money freely in and out of their countries, it would help restore confidence.

It was a compelling pitch — for a year or so. But now, after some of the West's brightest ideas for engineering economic recovery have gone up in flames, a few countries are marching the other way. As more of the world's markets come unhinged — last week the contagion hit Brazil full force, and many now worry that the rest of Latin America could succumb as well — there is a modest revolt under way against one of the biggest trends of the 1980's and 1990's, the view that money should move unimpeded around the world, to the places where it can be used most efficiently.

So far the revolt is contained to a few small economies: Malaysia and Hong Kong, both of which have long been darlings of American companies seeking a base in Asia, and Russia, a country that talked incessantly about reform but never adopted the mindset of a market economy.

Regulating Russia

Russia's latest Prime Minister, Yevgeny Primakov, gave voice to his country's doubts about economic reform on Friday, the day the Russian Parliament confirmed him in office, when he asked: "What must we do? Repeat the wild capitalism that we had until now?" The answer, he said vaguely, was that "the Government should intervene into economic affairs and regulate them," but he insisted that effort would be more akin to Franklin D. Roosevelt's actions during the Depression than to Soviet-style controls.

All this amounts to a direct challenge to one of the few clear themes of President Clinton's foreign policy: that the American push for more open markets and freer trade will not only bolster American prosperity, it will also pave the way to more open societies and democratization. After all, commerce and interchange with the West is the force that is supposed to open up China gradually, to say nothing of rebuilding Russia and spreading democracy in Asia and Latin America.

Of course, real life is a lot messier. The United States deeply interfered with the workings of its economy for most of its history, and it still does in times of crisis. And China and Singapore are prime examples of how free markets can thrive under authoritarian rule.

But two years ago it was hard to find finance ministers who would argue — on a theoretical level, at least — that their countries should cut themselves off from the global capital markets. After all, they were standing at the spigot, soaking up investments from around the world. Now that the foreign money is pouring out in torrents — a development that is producing unemployment, inflation, political upheaval and painful recession — the global economy looks a lot more like a global sinkhole.

And suddenly politicians and economists are noting that the countries that have fared best in these times of crisis — China and Chile, for example — are also countries that have imposed rules that make it difficult for investors to buy and sell local currencies with abandon.

Suddenly many believe that the best way to practice capitalism is to make sure that once the capital pours in it can't pour out all at once.

"It's only a bit of an overstatement to say that the free-market I.M.F. Bob Rubin and Larry Summers model is in shambles," said John S. Wadsworth Jr., who runs Morgan Stanley's operations in Asia, referring to the Treasury Secretary and his deputy. "At this point the problems are so serious that politicians figure that trying

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The World

Guess Who's Not Coming to Dinner

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

UNITED NATIONS

WHEN the annual limousine-and-sirens season opens at the United Nations on Sept. 21 with high-level speeches in the General Assembly, a lot of the world's bad boys won't be anywhere near the podium. They always stay home.

Saddam Hussein won't be here. He never is. He hangs out in Iraq, sleeping in a different bed every night. Muammar el-Qaddafi stays put in Libya. Kim Jong Il of North Korea finds he has other things to do. There is a tradition to uphold: Pol Pot never made an appearance, nor did Stalin or Albania's Enver Hoxha.

"Hafez al-Assad has never come, but he never goes anywhere much," said Sir Brian Urquhart, a former Under Secretary General, who in 40 years with the organization saw a lot of heads of state come and go, but not Syria's President. "Hafez al-Assad doesn't travel in the Arab world either," Sir Brian said. "He almost never leaves Damascus."

Sir Brian remembers that Idi Amin of Uganda came once, with a bodyguard unit of strikingly statuesque women, to speak as the chairman of the Organization of African Unity. It was, Sir Brian said, "an amazing show."

Jean Gazarian, who has worked at the United Nations since 1946 and served for years as director of United Nations affairs, was caught in the middle of another great performance in the 1950's, when Nikita Khrushchev suddenly interrupted a speech by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain by shouting in Russian, pounding his fist and then banging a shoe on his delegation's desk. "Mr. Macmillan stopped, raised his reading glasses and said, 'I would like to have a translation if he is really saying something,'" Mr. Gazarian recalls.

But at least Mr. Khrushchev was in the Assembly to be heard. The people who never show up are often the ones other leaders most need to approach on neutral ground. Just observing troublemakers close up can be a useful experience. Mr. Gazarian said it was fascinating to watch President Fidel Castro of Cuba evolve in his very few visits over several decades from a guerrilla leader in uniform to a statesman in a suit.

Look Who's Here

Sometimes the appearance of a president signals a significant change in a country's attitude, or a move toward a more democratic society. This year, President Mohamad Khatami of Iran will speak, making his first trip to New York and perhaps giving his country a new international face. He will be joined by Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, the interim President of Nigeria, who has promised an election next year to end military rule.

The President of the United States has always attended — until now, at least. This year, there has been some confusion about whether the need to attend to scandal in Washington will make him the latest no-show, but United Nations officials are still assuming he'll come.

Among those leaders who rule their nations with tactics that range from whimsy to terror, by contrast, there seems to be a sense that there is something unhealthy about the free air of the annual general debate — not that most people would call the self-serving, made-for-local-television speeches a debate. For leaders of dictatorial regimes, there is just nothing to discuss in New York. Besides, the audience has not been tamed.

"Coming to New York does have this totemic quality of submitting yourself to multilateral governance," Ruth Wedgwood of the Council on Foreign Relations said. "This is the house of sanctions."

Moreover, absence from home could be risky. "A lot of them would unwise to leave their own countries," Sir Brian said of the totalitarians, suggesting that they might not get back in.

Watch Your Back

From the totalitarians' viewpoint, New York is scary. The place is not under their control. They can easily imagine that the streets harbor American Government assassination squads. Certainly there are exile groups with scores to settle. Diplomats say the fear of attack most often keeps controversial leaders away.

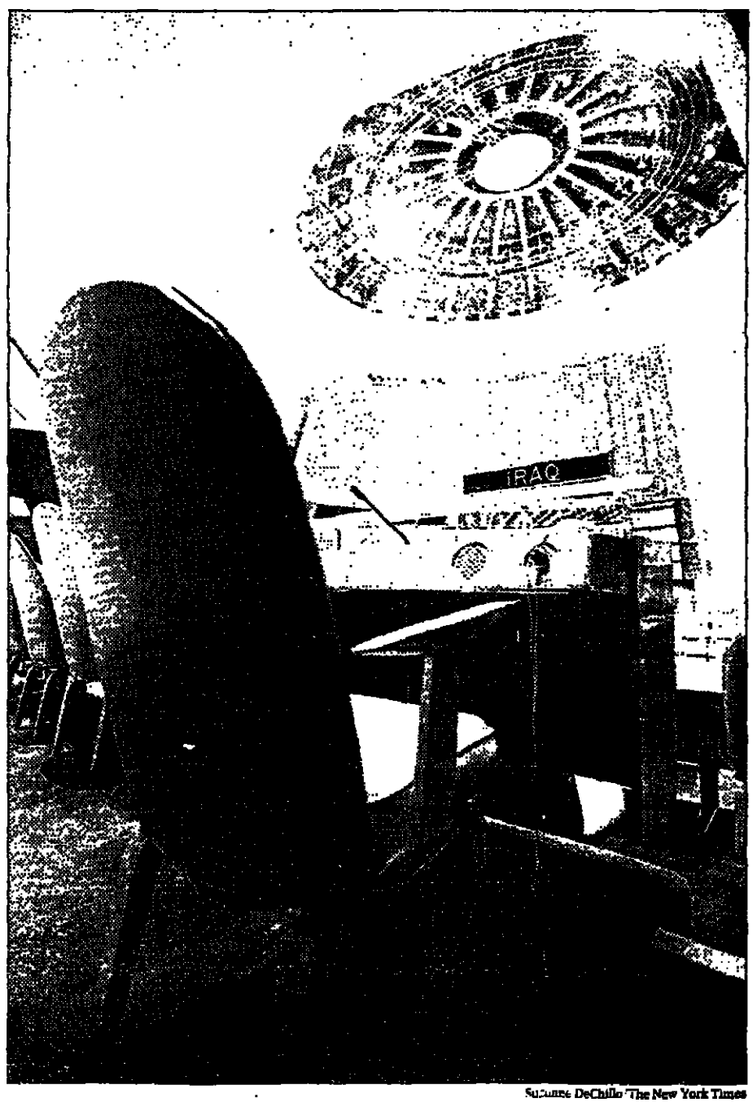
Yet, over the years, there has been only one known assassination attempt on United Nations territory, although diplomats have been killed on city streets. Cuban exiles once plotted to kill Che Guevara. They were able to fire a diversionary bazooka toward United Nations headquarters from Queens to distract guards' attention from the General Assembly, but the team planning to hit the main target got trapped in traffic in the Holland Tunnel, where they were duly found and arrested on a tip from the Secret Service. New York has secret weapons.

Leaders of countries under sanctions, like Libya and Iraq, are not barred from coming to New York to speak their pieces because the 1947 agreement between Washington and the organization explicitly guarantees access.

In 1988, the United States defied this agreement and refused a visa to Yasir Arafat, whose Palestine Liberation Organization had just been given observer status at the United Nations. The General Assembly decamped to Geneva to hear Mr. Arafat speak. In 1995, Mr. Arafat, now part of the Mideast peace process, addressed the same 50th anniversary General Assembly session that President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt thought prudent to skip.

Some leaders don't come because somebody else is sitting in their seats. The Mullah Omar, Afghanistan's spiritual leader, and the Taliban, his religious movement, which controls most of the country, would love a chance to speak this year. But Afghanistan's seat is still held by Burhanuddin Rabbani, the president driven out of Kabul and into exile in 1996.

None of this should suggest that all the missing faces in the United Nations autumn general debate belong to rogues. Charles de Gaulle never came to address the United Nations because he didn't much like the organization. And Mao Zedong, who waited more than two decades to claim China's seat after he came to power in 1949, was by 1971 old and tired and badly buffeted by the Cultural Revolution. He died before China got full American diplomatic recognition. Besides, says Chen Ranfeng of China's United Nations Mission, "We believe that the Chairman didn't like traveling to foreign countries."



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In Russia, Life Goes On

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Russia is bedeviled by economic and political crises, but people still fall in love — and go to the Sparrow Hills in Moscow for champagne when they wed. Teachers may not be collecting salaries, but children still bring them flowers on the first day of school. And striking miners still camp outside Moscow's White House demanding back wages.

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anything else is better."

The most direct assault, not surprisingly, has come from the fiery leader of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad. A year ago he was the first to blame Asia's troubles on a vague conspiracy of Western financiers: At various times he blamed speculators, currency traders, unnamed Wall Street powerhouses and, of course, George Soros. But all the while he kept accepting International Monetary Fund-style remedies, drastically cutting spending and hiking interest rates. Until 10 days ago, when it became clear that Malaysia's once-vibrant economy was entering its deepest crisis since the country's Communist Emergency, a cold war skirmish that shook the country 30 years ago.

In one stroke, Mr. Mahathir fired his Western-thinking Finance Minister, Anwar Ibrahim, who was also Mr. Mahathir's heir apparent. Then he shut Malaysia off from the world currency markets, declaring that any of the country's currency held outside its borders would be worthless. That made it impossible for currency traders to deal in the ringitt outside Malaysia, where Mr. Mahathir can control the transactions. It also made it somewhat more difficult for foreign giants, including Coca-Cola and Intel and Motorola, to take profits out of the country.

"The only way to manage the economy is to insulate from currency speculators and traders," Mr. Mahathir said, speaking darkly about the possibility that Malaysia's downturn might tear apart the delicate fabric of the country's society, an uneasy mix of Malays — who are mostly Islamic — and ethnic Chinese. "The free market has failed disastrously because of abuses."

Watching Malaysia

Naturally, Mr. Mahathir was denounced in capitals around the world as an economic retrograde. In Washington, some officials quietly expressed the hope that his experiment would fail so spectacularly that the smoldering ruins of the Malaysian economy would act as a caution to other countries. But while many of Mr. Mahathir's Asian neighbors assured the I.M.F. that they would not follow the Mahathir path, they were also watching carefully to see if he would succeed. He almost certainly will stop the devastating fall of his currency. The question is whether he will also scare off the international investors who turned his country's old plantations into gleaming factories that became the envy of Asia.

Mr. Mahathir went to an extreme, but the same notion has infected the city that was once the embodiment of unfettered markets: Hong Kong. With its trade-dependent economy in free fall, and its currency under attack by speculators who use the Hong Kong dollar as a proxy to place their bets about China, the Hong Kong authorities began spending the region's huge reserves to prop up the stock market. They also adopted rules to make it harder for speculators to bet against the Hong Kong dollar.

A top official of the Government, Andrew Sheng, rushed to Washington last week to make the case that Hong Kong was not abandoning the free market. It was just making sure, he said, that the region was not destabilized as billions upon billions of dollars that came gradually into Hong Kong head for the exits all at once.

"We are addressing a situation the world has never seen before," he insisted. "The stresses and strains of flows of money create a danger of destabilization." But he could not help adding, "There is now a healthy debate about whether the Washington consensus about how to solve the world's economic problems will really work."

The truth is that the "Washington consensus" itself is fraying, as Mr. Clinton's team — distracted by scandal, overwhelmed by other foreign problems — searches for new approaches to contain an increasingly global economic crisis that refuses to be quelled. Curiously, officials here are less vociferous than ever in their opposition to some kinds of controls on the flow of capital. A little more than a year ago, for example, the Treasury was urging the Chinese, for example, to make their currency completely convertible. No one has repeated that advice recently.

The Nation

Impeachment or Censure: Either Precedent's Ugly

IMPEACHMENT, censure or resignation? As far as the American Presidency goes, history offers one instance of each.

Many people remember Richard M. Nixon's resignation in 1974 as the House was moving to impeach him. But the impeachment of Andrew Johnson and the Senate censure of Andrew Jackson occurred more than a century ago. Do they offer any insights into the crisis now engulfing President Clinton?

At least one: that the historical auguries may not bode well for high-minded nonpartisanship. The records of the two big Presidential crises of the 19th century show that when Congress acted to remove or sanction a President, raw politics prevailed. Here are excerpts.

TOM KUNTZ

Andrew Johnson's Impeachment

After the Civil War, the Radical Republicans in control of Congress were able to override Johnson's vetoes and undermine the policy of leniency toward the defeated South begun under Abraham Lincoln, Johnson's slain predecessor. To protect radical allies in the Administration like Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, the Republicans rammed through the Tenure of Office Act, barring the dismissal of Cabinet members without Congressional approval. Johnson thought the law violated the separation of powers, and, to force a Supreme Court test, he dismissed Stanton on Feb. 21, 1868:

SIR: By virtue of the power and authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, you are hereby removed from office as Secretary for the Department of War. . . .

You will transfer to Brevet Major General Lorenzo Thomas, Adjutant General of the Army, who has this day been authorized and empowered to act as Secretary of War *ad interim*, all records, books, papers and other public property now in your custody and charge.

Respectfully yours,
ANDREW JOHNSON

That followed an earlier, unsuccessful attempt to oust Stanton, in which he had barricaded himself in his office. The Republicans had had enough of Johnson, a Tennessean. After preparatory work by the House Judiciary and Reconstruction committees, the House on Feb. 24, 1868, approved 11 articles of impeachment, the first 9 alleging violation of the Tenure of Office Act. But probably none of the articles better illustrated their decidedly political nature than Article 10, which said it was an impeachable offense for the President to speak ill of Congress "with a loud voice." The article held:

That said Andrew Johnson . . . unmindful of the high duties of his office and the dignity and proprieties thereof . . . did attempt to bring into disgrace, ridicule, hatred, contempt and reproach the Congress of the United States, and several branches thereof, to impair and destroy the regard and respect of all the good people of the United States for the Congress and legislative power thereof . . . and in pursuance of his said design and intent openly and publicly, and before divers assemblages of the citizens of the United States convened in divers parts thereof to meet and receive said Andrew Johnson as the Chief Magistrate of the United States, did . . . make and deliver with a loud voice certain intemperate, inflammatory and scandalous harangues, and did therein utter loud threats and bitter menaces as well against Congress . . . amid the cries, jeers and laughter of the multitudes then assembled. . . .

Johnson, who had a reputation as a drinker, often spoke bluntly. The impeachment articles cited disdainful remarks he made in St. Louis on Sept. 8, 1866, directed at Radical Republican legislators:

If I have played the Judas, who has been my Christ that I have played the Judas with? Was it Thad. Stevens? Was it Wendell Phillips? Was it Charles Sumner? These are the men that stop and compare themselves with the Savior; and everybody that differs with them in opinion, and to try to stay and arrest their diabolical and nefarious policy, is to be denounced as a Judas.

Well, let me say to you . . . if you will stand by me in trying to give the people a fair chance, soldiers and citizens . . . God being willing, I will kick them out. I will kick them out just as fast as I can.

In early March, 1868, the House's articles were presented to the Senate, and later that month an impeachment trial began before the Senate's 42 Republicans and 12 Democrats, with Chief Justice Salmon Chase presiding. A two-thirds majority was needed to oust Johnson, who did not attend (though much of Washington society did). The trial lasted three months. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts, famous for the prewar caning he suffered on the Senate floor at the hands of a pro-slavery legislator, spoke for conviction:

This is one of the last great battles with slavery. Driven from these legislative chambers, driven from the field of war, this monstrous power has found refuge in the executive mansion, where in utter disregard of the Constitution and laws, it seeks to exercise its ancient, far-reaching sway. All this is very plain. Nobody can question it. Andrew Johnson is the impersonation of the tyrannical slave power. In him it lives again.

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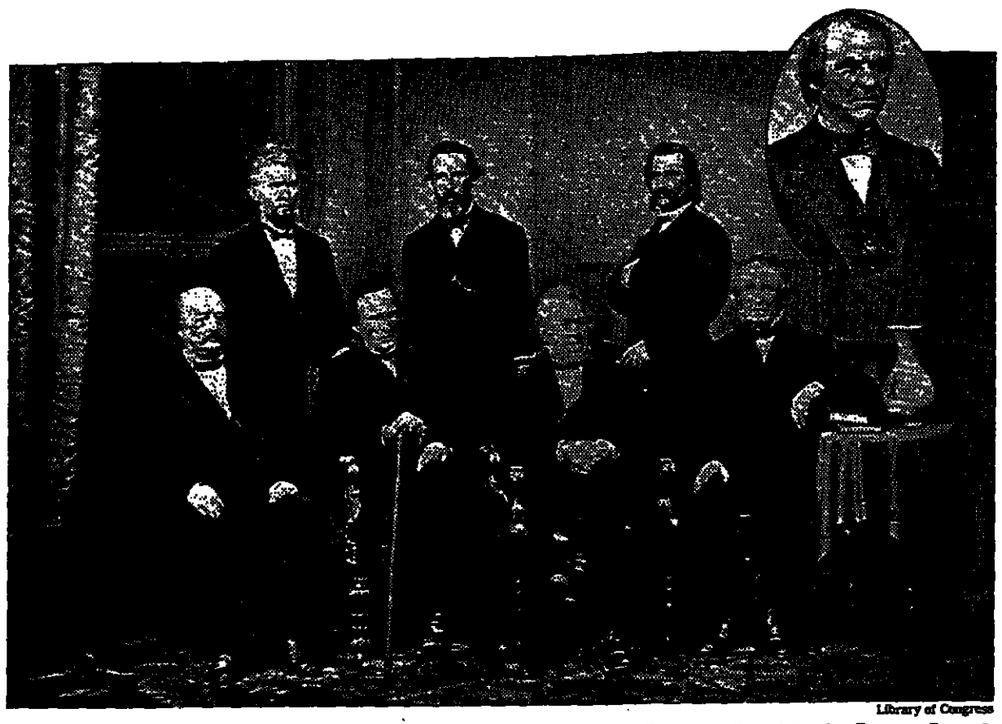
The Senate censured Andrew Jackson in 1834.



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The House impeachment panel that argued the case against Andrew Johnson (inset) in the Senate. Seated: Benjamin Butler of Massachusetts; Thaddeus Stevens and Thomas Williams of Pennsylvania; John Bingham of Ohio. Standing: James Wilson of Iowa; George Boutwell of Massachusetts; John Logan of Illinois.

Linking Johnson with pro-slavery holdouts, Sumner used a sexually charged term ("promiscuous") typical of abolitionist oratory seeking to portray slaveholders as motivated by carnal lust:

Original partisans of slavery, North and South; habitual compromisers of great principles; maligners of the Declaration of Independence; politicians without heart . . . and a promiscuous company who at every stage of the battle have set their faces against equal rights — These are [Johnson's] allies.

But as the trial had ground on, it had become clear that the case against Johnson was weak. In two days of voting, on May 16 and 28, 7 Republicans joined the 12 Johnson Democrats, making the vote 19 for acquittal and 35 for conviction — one short of the two-thirds majority needed for ouster. A defector, James Grimes of Iowa, said in a written statement afterward:

I am wholly unable . . . to deduce any criminal intent. . . . I cannot agree to destroy the harmonious working of the Constitution for the sake of getting rid of an unacceptable President.

In the press gallery, Mark Twain, on assignment for several newspapers, had grumbled:

This is the place to get a poor opinion of everybody in.

Andrew Jackson's Censure

In his history of the Senate, Senator Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, notes that, unlike impeachment, the censure of a President "lacks a Constitutional basis." But the Senate took that course in 1834 after Jackson, who hated banks and mistrusted central authority, vetoed the rechartering of the Second Bank of the United States in 1832 and the next year ordered Government funds withdrawn. A political struggle ensued, worsening the depression of the 1830's. In late 1833, the Senate, led by Henry Clay of Kentucky, began an inquiry, but the President wrote back that he would not cooperate, in effect claiming executive privilege:

The Executive is a coordinate and independent branch of the Government equally with the Senate; and I have yet to learn under what Constitutional authority that branch of the Legislature has a right to require of me an account of any communication . . . made to the heads of departments acting as a cabinet council.

Former President John Quincy Adams — now a House member — noted in his diary "a tone of insolence and insult" in Jackson's messages to Congress:

The domineering tone has heretofore been usually on the side of the legislative bodies to the Executive, and Clay has not been sparing in the use of it. He is now paid in his own coin.

Senators Clay, John C. Calhoun of South Carolina and Daniel Webster of Massachusetts formed an alliance on the bank issue that was the progenitor of the Whig Party. In December 1833, Clay introduced two measures of censure against Jackson, and laid it on thick in a speech stretching over three days:

The premonitory symptoms of despotism are upon us; and if Congress does not apply an instantaneous and effective remedy, the fatal collapse will soon come on, and we shall die — ignobly die — base, mean and abject slaves; the scorn and contempt of mankind; unpitied, unwept, unmourned!

Clay tried to tar Vice President Martin Van Buren, Jackson's heir apparent, with the bank issue. With Van Buren presiding over the proceedings, Clay conspicuously urged him to intercede with Jackson. Afterward Van Buren made a show of sincerity by approaching Clay in his seat, but when he got there the "Little Magician" merely asked for a pinch of Clay's snuff, and blithely walked away. Finally, on March 28, 1834, the Senate, voting 28 to 18, passed a pared-down censure:

Resolved. That the President, in the last executive proceedings in relation to the public revenue, has assumed upon himself authority and power not conferred by the Constitution and laws, but in derogation of both.

The measure had no effect. But in January 1837, after Jackson's Democrats had won the Senate, they ordered black lines drawn around the resolution in the official record, with "Expunged by order of the Senate" superimposed. Clay said after the boisterous session:

The Senate is no longer a place for any decent man.

Postscript: Today Andrew Jackson's face is on the $20 bill, symbol of modern central banking. That's surely one of history's ironies.

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Cook Jr., the editor of a nonpartisan newsletter that handicaps Congressional elections, *the prevailing view* is that Republicans will benefit in November because their rank and file will be motivated to vote, while an unusually large number of discouraged Democrats will stay home. The best bet now, Mr. Cook wrote in his most recent report, is that Republicans will add a bit to their 11-seat advantage in the House and pick up a few seats in the Senate, though probably not the 5 they need to have a 60-vote, veto-proof majority.

As for Presidential politics, the Clinton scandal is a serious setback for Mr. Gore. Even if Mr. Clinton continues as President, he has probably forfeited the prerogative of a successful two-term President to choose his successor. And if Mr. Clinton resigns or is impeached and Mr. Gore becomes President, he may still be at a disadvantage in the 2000 election, though running as an incumbent. "It's hard to imagine that Gore could stand up and say, 'Our long national nightmare is over,'" said a former member of Mr. Gore's staff, recalling Gerald R. Ford's statement when he became President after Richard M. Nixon's resignation.

In addition, Mr. Gore's reputation for personal rectitude has been damaged by word that Attorney General Janet Reno is considering the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate Mr. Gore's fund-raising practices two years ago.

Mr. Gephardt, next to Mr. Gore the most organized candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, is in an awkward position. If he defends Mr. Clinton, as one might expect the House Democratic leader to do, he could forfeit a claim of nonpartisan statesmanship that might help his candidacy. But if he turns his back on Mr. Clinton, he will perhaps offend segments of his party that will be instrumental in choosing the next candidate.

The Liberal Hope

One possibility that delights some Democrats and fills others with dread is that the centrist course Mr. Clinton espoused — involving, for instance, a balanced budget, free trade and welfare reform — will fall by the wayside and that liberal domination of the party will return.

On the Republican side, Mr. Gingrich seems to have the most to win and lose. If he deals with the impeachment inquiry judiciously, that could help dispel his reputation as a hothead that has kept his popularity low in the opinion polls. It could also draw attention away from the circumstances that led the House last year to reprimand and fine him for ethical transgressions. But Mr. Gingrich has never been known for discipline in the political trenches, and he is under pressure from those in his party who want Mr. Clinton's head on a platter.

Bush's Peril

Gov. George W. Bush of Texas could benefit from being outside Washington and from not having to participate in difficult debates or cast tough votes. On the other hand, one of Mr. Bush's main claims is that he is the Republican who has the best chance of defeating the Democratic nominee and winning the White House for his party. If Republicans conclude that Democrats have been so diminished that any Republican, centrist or not, can win the election, that could hurt Mr. Bush's prospects.

In Congress, old-timers speak wistfully of the public approbation that followed Watergate. Many doubt that the high standard can be replicated. "If you want to see the Congress sink to a lower level than where the Presidency is falling," said former Senator Alan K. Simpson, a Wyoming Republican who is now director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard, "just start the ideological battle and watch the people switch their howitzers from the President to Congress."

As high as the stakes are, no one seems to believe this time that the American system of government is on the line. During Watergate, there was much talk of a constitutional crisis. What if Nixon barricaded himself in the White House or called out the Army to defend him?

No one talks that way now. Perhaps this is because the country survived the ordeal so handily 24 years ago. Maybe it is because with the end of the cold war, nothing seems as serious as it did then.

The crisis now is not constitutional. It is political.

Traditionalists vs. Modernizers

Two Dueling Sons of the South

By PETER APPLEBOME

HISTORIANS will, no doubt, analyze the blood feud between Bill Clinton and Kenneth W. Starr in many ways — as a showdown over politics and law, of constitutional issues and human ones.

But a look at both men's roots suggests another possible prism — a duel between Southerners, each representing competing instincts of the South, that has dragged the nation into a morally charged meltdown of sin, repentance and redemption.

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Starr were born months apart in Hope, Ark., and Vernon, Tex. Both were bright and ambitious, headed to Washington for college, went on to law school and eventually returned to Washington, one bound for the White House, the other aiming for the Supreme Court. Both share a conspicuous religiosity, though of a very different strain, and the sort of compulsive accent on manners that still defines the South.

So much for similarities. Mr. Clinton veered left, politically and culturally, becoming a familiar Southern hybrid — part grown-up, part rogue — introduced to the country in the 1992 campaign as a mix of Elvis Presley and John F. Kennedy. Mr. Starr began college at arch-conservative Harding University in Searcy, Ark., and never strayed from his strict, straight-arrow, Church of Christ upbringing.

In his 1990 book, "Tar Heel Politics" (University of North Carolina), Paul Luebke, a North Carolina state representative and a sociologist, argues that Southern politics is not about liberals and conservatives but about traditionalists and modernizers. He distinguishes between politicians like Mr. Clinton, who focus on education and economic development, and those like North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms, who focus on traditional economic interests and social values.

But the distinction also describes a philosophical difference between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Starr, with Mr. Starr, by all accounts, a moral traditionalist to the core, and Mr. Clinton, to put it charitably, having a more elastic moral code.

Sin and infidelity did not originate with baby boomers. And no one but Mr. Starr can fully understand what motivated him to go where some other prosecutors would not have gone. But Mr. Luebke said it was impossible to understand Mr. Starr's investigation without understanding the traditional religious culture of the South.

According to that view, Mr. Starr's pursuit not just of a sinner but an apostate Southerner willfully cloaked in the robes of religion might help explain Mr. Starr's investigation to some associates who have said they found his zealous, unrelenting pursuit of Mr. Clinton out of character.

"I drove by a Free Will Baptist Church the other day where the sign in front read, 'Sin Is Our Greatest Problem,'" Mr. Luebke said. "A lot of people have underestimated how far this could go because they didn't have a Southern perspective. If you're Europe-centric and you think of Mitterrand, you think, what's the big deal? If you come from a culture in which sin is our greatest problem, then Mitterrand is completely irrelevant."

Similarly Charles Reagan Wilson, a historian at the University of Mississippi, said the Lewinsky matter was playing out along the main themes of Southern religion, with Mr. Starr upholding the Calvinist view of morality at the heart of his Church of Christ background and Mr. Clinton seeking grace and forgiveness for his transgressions in a spectacle as familiar to Southerners as cornbread and iced tea.

"It's almost as if you have the Old Testament in Starr and the New Testament in Clinton," he said. "One is invoking the Old Testament religion of law, the other the New Testament of grace, love and understanding."

There may be better lenses for understanding the crisis, but its Southern tinge is hard to miss at a time when the President, Vice President, House Speaker, House majority leader, House majority whip and Senate majority leader are all from the South. Mr. Starr began his tenure amid furious controversy when it was revealed that David Sentelle, the conservative North Carolinian and protégé of Mr. Helms who heads the special appellate council that appointed Mr. Starr, met with Mr. Helms and Senator Lauch Faircloth of North Carolina before appointing Mr. Starr.

Once aggrieved Southerners fought duels over such differences. Now, perhaps they precipitate constitutional crises over them.

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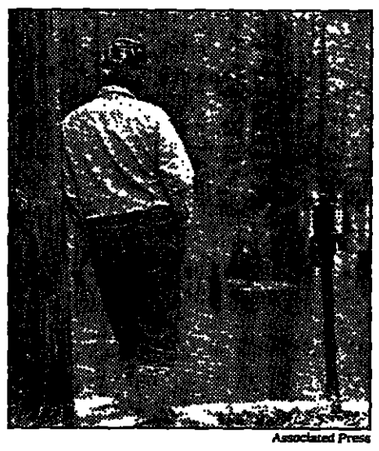

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Southern roots define competing strains in Kenneth W. Starr, left, and Mr. Clinton.

The World

The Lawsuits Pile Up, Matching the List of Atrocities

By DAVID ROHDE

FIFTY THREE years after it ended, the Second World War is spawning a new form of international justice that victims hail as long overdue. But some of its targets decry it as a dubious new legal cottage industry, in which some lawyers seize upon human rights abuses as the basis for emotionally charged class-action lawsuits.

In the wake of last month's $1.25 billion settlement between Holocaust survivors and Swiss banks that were accused of profiting from looted Jewish assets, some officials and lawyers involved in the Holocaust cases say they fear that opportunistic lawyers may see a potential gold mine in the precedent, and will seek every opportunity to file suits on behalf of victims of past atrocities.

"I worry about an explosion of these kind of suits," said Bert Neuborne, a New York University law professor working without fee on the Holocaust cases. "That a lot of people will see a potential for what they think is fast buck."

That is not the only thorny question being raised. More tricky, perhaps, is the question of where it will all end. If Holocaust victims are compensated now, as native American tribes were compensated for past wrongs over the previous two decades, who might be next? African-Americans because their ancestors were slaves? Bosnians who consider the United Nations accountable for breaking promises to protect them?

These are, of course, genuine victims with genuine grievances. The problem is that sometimes sincere efforts to right clear moral wrongs can be seized upon by people with less-than-noble motives. And under legal standards, it is easier to demonstrate damage from some historical wrongs than from others.

Big Caseload

The number of suits keeps growing. On Friday, Melvin I. Weiss, a nationally known class-action lawyer, filed in Federal court in Newark against the German conglomerate Krupp, charging that it had profited from slave labor during World War II. Two weeks ago, another group of lawyers filed another class action suit in Federal court in Brooklyn against more than a dozen German companies, including Krupp.

Over the last year, suits have also been filed against the Ford Motor Company, Italian and German insurance companies and French banks accused of profiting from the cruelties of Hitler's Germany. Banks in Sweden, Spain, Portugal and Argentina could be next, Mr. Neuborne said.

Asian-American groups, meanwhile, have been scouring the United States for victims of the Nanking Massacre and the use of forced labor by wartime Japan. They hope to file class-action lawsuits in American courts against Japanese corporations, such as Mitsubishi, as well as the Japanese Government.

And some black leaders have repeatedly called for reparations to be paid for slave labor in the United States. "If the descendants of Nazi-era slave laborers deserve some compensation, why don't the descendants of the victims of 250 years of American slave labor deserve compensation?" asked Eric Foner, a Columbia University history professor.

But Professor Foner also said it was a difficult question: "How far back do you go? If we want to go all the way back, all the land would go back to the Indians."

Legal experts warn that suits involving other historic grievances may not lead to settlements as quickly as some of the Holocaust cases. Kent Syverud, dean of the Vanderbilt University law school, said suing for damages based on slave labor in the United States would be difficult. He said few records exist that define exactly who was a slave, who is a descendant of a specific slave, and how much the slave-owner benefited from the slave's work.

"The Holocaust suits are different in that they involve much more concrete and identifiable events and records," he said. "The events of slavery are very hard to link it to a specific bank account."

Mixed Record

Efforts by groups to sue the American Government for damages have achieved mixed results. In the 1970's, Native American tribes successfully sued for the rights to control and profit from vast amounts of land. But legal actions by Japanese-Americans interned during World War II were less successful, and they had to wait until Congress awarded them $20,000 each in 1988.

Among the newer Holocaust suits, the Ford case may provide the clearest indication of difficulties ahead for claimants. While some German companies, for example Volkswagen, have already agreed to create some form of fund to compensate former slave laborers, Ford is vowing to fight.

In the suit, Mr. Weiss's team argues that Henry Ford's anti-Semitic remarks in the 1920's and alleged close relationship with Hitler resulted in Ford's subsidiary in Germany never being taken over by the Nazis. But Ian Slater, a Ford spokesman in the United States, said the company lost control of its subsidiary during the war and the factory was badly damaged when Ford regained control of it. He said the suit was an unfair attempt to use bad publicity to force the company to settle.

Then there is the question of lawyers' fees. Mr. Weiss said he would request minimal fees. Ed Fagan, who is working on the Swiss bank and German slave labor cases and said he hoped to represent victims of Japanese slave labor practices, said he expected a standard share of settlements. The World Jewish Congress and other Jewish groups that support such legal claims are calling for all lawyers involved in the Holocaust cases to work free.

"We do not believe that the Holocaust is an area anyone should be profiting from," said Elan Steinberg, the organization's executive director.

Politics and Business

The Chancellor's Game: Follow the Real Leaders

By ALAN COWELL

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GERMANY'S most important election in decades will take place two weeks from today and the striking thing is this: Whoever wins will inherit a land where the pace has already been set for them, not so much by politicians as by the barons of big business.

Almost nine years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, that is not entirely a surprise: As in the United States or Britain, ideology has lost its primacy, yielding to a contest among rival politicians to define and capture the post-ideological center.

But in Germany, there is another departure as well. This has long been the land of the cartel, of compacts and consensus that brought workers into the boardrooms and, at the same time, bound banks and businesses and politicians of all stripes in a sheltered covenant of enormous prosperity. But the compact was underpinned by a huge and costly social network that gradually hampered Germany's competitiveness. And these days, many large companies have simply decided to pursue their own interests within and beyond Germany's borders, often supplanting the politicians in framing the way Germans and foreigners alike perceive the German nation.

Transatlantic Reach

Consider, for example, German-American relations, which were once propelled almost exclusively by cold-war security considerations; if Germany prospered, it was as an ally and a showcase of capitalism, under the American economic as well as nuclear umbrella. But by last May, the relationship had clearly taken on a new flavor; the takeover of Chrysler by Daimler-Benz showed a German assertiveness that had long been held in check. "This is clearly the result of the end of the cold war and the globalized economy," said a legislator in Bonn.

The transatlantic relationship, in which many politicians still tread gently as the deferential junior partner to Washington's military and political initiatives, has been re-textured by the unmistakable whiff of German economic might. Key players in the New York publishing industry are owned by Germany's media giants; in recent years, German investment in the United States has created 600,000 American jobs and the figure is growing, according to the German Embassy in Washington.

In this land of export-driven prosperity, many companies have long seen their markets far beyond their borders: Bertelsmann, the media giant, does 70 per cent of its business outside Germany; two thirds of Daimler-Benz's annual revenue was earned outside Germany last year, and over one-third of its stock is held by foreign investors. Volkswagen now owns auto companies from the Czech Republic to Spain, BMW owns Britain's Rover and between the two of them, the companies just carved up Rolls Royce and Bentley.

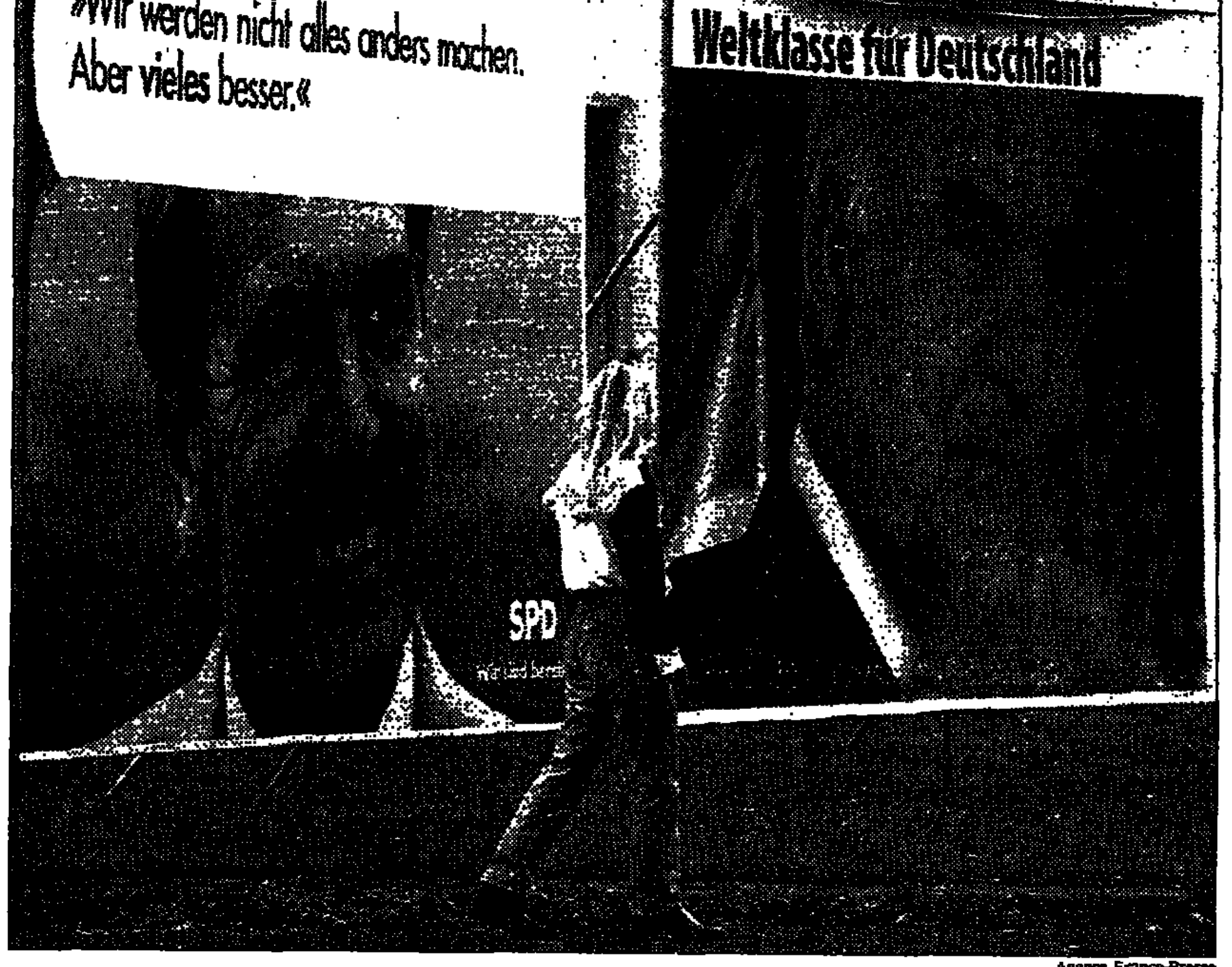
This, then, is the landscape in which Germany's politicians and business executives operate today — a landscape in which big business is far more prepared to take the initiative, leaving politicians to play catch-up.

German companies "are responding to the exigencies of the market and they are doing it rather late in the game," said Josef Joffe, a senior commentator at the newspaper Suddeutsche Zeitung in Munich. But, he said, there was an underlying pattern: "Big business is separating from the state and proceeding on its own path. What these firms are saying is, 'We are going to follow our own interests and therefore going our own way.' "

A European Voice

Another way to look at the change is through the lens of European unity. This goal began as a a politicians' dream, but today the vision is being realized by the money men. A vast single market is in place, and its moves towards a single currency in particular are inspiring German companies to seek economies of scale on a Europe-wide platform. This, in turn, has led them to take a sometimes vocal stake in their new hosts' business — and politics. When the German-owned Rover car company in Britain announced plans to reduce its work force by 1,500 people this summer, a German executive bluntly told the British Government that the layoffs were a direct result of British economic policy, as if he had a rightful claim to a voice in shaping it. It was a claim no German statesman would have thought to make, at least in public.

It is no surprise, either, that, in all of Europe, Germany has most at stake in Russia's crisis. History and geography may condemn Berlin and Moscow to tug central Europe between them, but the bottom line this time really is a bottom line: German banks have some $30 billion in state-guaranteed credits threatened by Russia's tailspin. That exposure — and Germany's reluctance to extend it — dominates German policy.



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In Hanover, the rivals for chancellor — Gerhard Schroeder, at left and Helmut Kohl — stare down at voters.

Of course, the exposure itself is a hangover from the close relationship between politicians and big money. In the early 1990's, Chancellor Helmut Kohl encouraged banks to lend in an over-optimistic effort to cement Russia's lurch into market-driven democracy. As a result, some 90 percent of the loans are backed by state guarantees. But now, faced with the Russian meltdown, the bottom line has reasserted itself. Without reforms in Moscow, Mr. Kohl said, "It will not be possible to mobilize money either from international financial organizations or from Germany."

And within Germany the likely consequences of Germany's international corporatism have left politicians feeling queasy that, as a former auto executive remarked, "politics has lost the primacy." Since Daimler's takeover of Chrysler, for instance, Mr. Joffe said, Daimler's executives may well be in a position to tell German politicians, "We are going to take the whole company to Detroit," to press for economic policy changes. And that touches a central issue: Even as German companies respond to the pressures of globalization and European integration, Bonn's politicians have failed to reduce taxation and social spending, leading German companies to complain that the high labor costs financing Germany's welfare state have become more entrenched than before. So, as they seek profits, companies streamline their operations at home and look for profit margins abroad. The upshot has been disastrous for Mr. Kohl: record unemployment is the single biggest issue in the election.

"There is a danger that while German big business internationalizes, Germany itself remains provincial," said Hermann Gröhe, a member of Chancellor Kohl's Christian Democrats. "Technological advance and economic change are so rapid that we must be careful to insure that politics isn't too slow."

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ECONOMY

Back in Vietnam, to Build, Veterans Find New Risks

By MARK LANDLER

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam

THE last time Samuel F. Champi was in Vietnam, he was a 24-year-old Army engineer, building a 1,000-foot-long steel bridge across the Ban Thach River on the central coast. The bridge was to be a crucial link on the main north-south highway used by American military convoys, so he pulled round-the-clock shifts to complete it by early 1969.

On a tropical afternoon nearly three decades later, Mr. Champi stood stiffly in a gilded reception room here as the deputy chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City awarded him a license to build 40,000 low-cost apartment units in the suburbs of this teeming city, once known as Saigon. If completed, the project will be one of the largest American business investments ever in Vietnam.

For Mr. Champi, now 53 and a contractor in Bernardsville, N.J., it would also be a chance to return to Vietnam and pick up where he left off — as a builder in a land where Americans mostly destroyed.

Not that he would put it that way. Mr. Champi says he has few misgivings about his experiences in the Vietnam War. And he rejects the suggestion that he is coming back on a personal odyssey to right old wrongs or to put the war behind him. "I don't think we owe the Vietnamese anything, because we were doing what we thought was right for them at the time," he said.

Still, he concedes that history hangs over the project. Three of his partners are Vietnam veterans, and so is the retired admiral who brokered the deal, Edward D. Sheafer Jr. Mr. Champi's company, Point Enterprises International, is named after the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he and two other partners were part of the class of 1966.

"You could say this is an accident, but it ain't no accident," said Tom Carhart, a partner and classmate of Mr. Champi's who was wounded twice as an infantry officer in Vietnam. "I was a soldier, and I did my duty as a soldier. But we caused a lot of damage in that country. It's nice to go back and do some good."

Mr. Carhart and Mr. Champi are among growing numbers of veterans who are returning to Vietnam to forge ties in a place where they once fought in battle. Several executives at Vietnam offices of American corporations served in the war; so did many of the American consultants, entrepreneurs and even diplomats who are now active here. Pete Peterson, the United States Ambassador to Vietnam, is a former Navy pilot who was shot down by the North Vietnamese and imprisoned for more than six years; Charles A. Ray, the newly appointed consul general in Ho Chi Minh City, served tours in Saigon and Da Nang as an Army staff officer.

Most veterans here are hoping to make money in this awakening land. With a plentiful supply of cheap labor and one of the few economies in Southeast Asia that is still growing, Vietnam is a tempting target for sharp-eyed business people.

But for veterans, there are motives beyond the monetary one. Most believe they can play a part in healing the wounds between the United States and Vietnam.

"There is a real feeling of happiness on both sides that former enemies can work together in a positive way," Mr. Ray said. "The best people to bridge the past and the future are the people who were here in the past."

Certainly, the veterans are dogged in their determination to succeed in a country where many foreign investors have failed. Like most new arrivals, Mr. Champi and his partners have found doing business here nearly as difficult as fighting a war, complicated by capricious regulation, endless red tape and the hostility of Communist bureaucrats to free-market principles.

The obstacles are so great that some American companies, like Chrysler, have pulled out of Vietnam, while others, like Procter & Gamble, have fallen into vicious squabbles with their state-controlled partners. Asia's financial crisis has compounded the problem by forcing the main investing nations, like Singapore, Taiwan and Japan, to scale back their ambitions in the country.

MR. CHAMPI believes that his housing project will be one of the rare successes because it meets a crying need. With a population that has swelled to 5.5 million, Ho Chi Minh City is seriously overcrowded. Families of 10 cram into tiny apartments; people sleep on the sidewalks on bamboo mats. In 1994, the government announced a plan to address the overcrowding by moving two million people from the city center to outlying districts. But to do that, it must supply them with affordable places to live.

"We're not here to build luxury hotels or take advantage of the labor force," Mr. Champi said. "We're here to build something there's a great need for. It's not something that we have to sell them on."

Even so, after two years of tortuous negotiations, Point Enterprises could still see its efforts come to nothing. The company has an agreement in principle for the municipal government to buy $321 million of apartments over 11 years. The partners stand to make a profit of $39 million, but first they need financing to build a factory that would churn out the pre-cast concrete slabs for the apartments.

To get the financing, they will need a guarantee from the municipal government — and perhaps the national one, too — that the city will honor the contract terms. On Aug. 18, Mr. Champi and Mr. Sheafer received a verbal commitment for such a guarantee from city officials. They are now nervously awaiting the written document.

"If we're unable to finance this deal, it's going to bring the sharks out," said Mr. Carhart, a gregarious man whose free-flowing pessimism neatly balances Mr. Champi's reserved confidence. "This is a crap shoot. It's a high-risk venture thousands of miles from home."

But the partners have not wavered, despite having invested $250,000 so far with no assurance of a return. They have maintained their resolve by drawing on a lifetime of close friendships and a shared experience that makes Vietnam a passion as well as a project.

In addition to Mr. Carhart and Mr. Champi, the partners are John W. Morris, a retired Army lieutenant general and chief of engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers; Vincent Casillo, a New York City contractor, and James P. Fabiani, a senior executive at a Washington lobbying firm.

Mr. Morris was Mr. Champi's regimental captain at West Point and later a group commander of the Corps of Engineers in Vietnam, where he again supervised Mr. Champi. At 77, with service in World War II, Korea and Vietnam behind him, Mr. Morris is a sort of guiding light for the group.

"I've always felt the Vietnamese deserved a better shake than they got," he said. "They were caught in the middle of historical forces."

Mr. Casillo played middle linebacker on the West Point football team in the same years that Mr. Champi played tight end. They graduated together in 1966, and even though they did not serve together afterward — Mr. Casillo was assigned to duty in Europe — they stayed in touch.

"People who go to West Point are conditioned to be particularly close," Mr. Casillo said. "When you are with a group of people who came from the same system, there's a camaraderie that never ends."

Although the West Point contingent had already teamed up to explore projects overseas, it was a Naval Academy graduate, Mr. Sheafer, who put them on the road to Vietnam. A bluff, barrel-chested man who had risen to rear admiral and director of naval intelligence, he had been struggling to build a consulting practice in Vietnam since he retired from the Navy in 1995.

Like Mr. Champi, Mr. Sheafer is not one to dwell on the war. But as a career military officer, he felt its lingering effect. He served several tours of duty in Vietnam between 1963 and 1970, at one time commanding a minesweeper that prowled the coastal waters near the border between South and North Vietnam.

In one memorable incident, he said, he watched helplessly as two fishing boats smuggled ammunition across the border from the south. He tried to block the boats, but the Navy's rules of engagement barred him from firing on them unless they fired first. He ordered an air strike, but the bombers arrived after the boats had landed in the north and emptied their cargo.

For years afterward, Mr. Sheafer labored in a military that had been demoralized by its failure in Vietnam. He said he did not come to terms with the war until 1984, when he paid a midnight visit to the rotunda of the United States Capitol. The body of an unknown soldier from Vietnam, who has since been identified as an Air Force pilot, Michael J. Blassie, was lying in state there before its entombment at Arlington National Cemetery.

"I was standing there in my dress uniform, and suddenly I began crying, not because of my own hostility, but because of the futility of the whole thing," Mr. Sheafer recalled. "There was no good legacy for these people. What did they die for?"

BY the time he retired, the American military had rehabilitated its reputation with the Persian Gulf war. But to him, Vietnam was still unfinished business. So when a lawyer he knew approached him about starting a home security company in Vietnam, he jumped at the chance.

Lois Raimondo for the New York Times

Officials want to move two million people from the crowded conditions of Ho Chi Minh City's center.

A computer animation of the housing units that the American investment partners are planning for the city.

Mr. Sheafer plotted his return methodically. He recruited his own interpreter. He played up his admiral's rank and connections to senior American officials.

But the going was slow. He had trouble making contacts with the right Vietnamese officials. The lawyer who promised to open doors for him failed to deliver. He spent long days in an office set up in the lounge at the upscale but somewhat dreary New World Hotel here, waiting for the phone to ring.

Finally, in late July 1996, he won a meeting with Vo Viet Thanh, the chairman of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City. As it happened, Mr. Thanh had been a general in the North Vietnamese army and had supervised intelligence operations. Mr. Sheafer and Mr. Thanh chatted about the shadowy world of military intelligence, and a rapport was established.

Mr. Thanh told Mr. Sheafer that the city's biggest need was for cheap housing that could be built quickly. He said he had an immediate need for about 200,000 apartments, with a long-term goal of 500,000. Mr. Sheafer replied that he would find an American contractor who could do the job. Through Mr. Carhart, who is his neighbor in McLean, Va., Mr. Sheafer stumbled onto Mr. Champi.

AT first, Mr. Champi was fearful about going back to Vietnam. But he made a happy discovery upon his arrival: Younger Vietnamese did not care about his background, while older people, many of whom had fought in the North Vietnamese Army or with the Vietcong, felt a sort of kinship with him.

"I think all military people have a bond, regardless of what side they were on," Mr. Champi said. "We were all doing our jobs for our country."

Over the next 18 months, Mr. Champi and Mr. Sheafer made a dozen trips to Ho Chi Minh City. Their goal was to persuade the municipal government to agree to buy as many apartments from them as possible. Eventually, they hammered out a deal for 40,000 units at an average price of $8,025 each.

The apartments, 320 to 860 square feet in size, will be stacked in four-story blocks, using prefabrication technology developed by a Finnish company, Partek Concrete Engineering. In that process, a factory produces standardized panels of precast concrete, which are then assembled quickly into buildings, eliminating the need for structural steel girders, beams or columns.

Despite the Lego-block construction method, Mr. Champi said the finished buildings could last 100 years. To sell the design, he flew a team of Vietnamese architects to Singapore to inspect apartments built with the same technology.

The negotiations would follow a serpentine path, with breakthroughs in one session often being erased in the next.

At the ceremony in Ho Chi Minh City where Mr. Champi received his investment license, the deputy chairman of the People's Committee, Tran Thanh Hai, tried to sound definitive. "We are committed to extend our support for the continuation of the project," he said as he gingerly raised a glass of champagne.

Ambassador Peterson, who had come from Hanoi to attend the ceremony, struck a more cautionary note in a speech. "Issuing licenses is the easiest part of the job," he said, "Implementation is the key word."

At a reception after the ceremony, several Americans who live in Ho Chi Minh City handicapped the project's future with weary cynicism. They predicted that the partners would suffer more setbacks before they broke ground. "They're about 5 percent of the way there," said Peter N. Sheridan, a Vietnam veteran who, like Mr. Sheafer, helps put together ventures.

Vietnamese officials know all too well that their country has a bad reputation among foreign investors. But they say the Government is working to clear the bureaucratic underbrush. One official noted that when Vietnam decided to open its economy in 1986, the Government expected to have a decade or more in which to move from central planning to a market economy. But foreign investment began flooding into Vietnam by 1991 — and with it came calls for accelerated change.

"Of course, things are not as smooth as we would wish," said Nguyen Dinh Mai, the vice director of Ho Chi Minh City's department of planning and investment. "But they have improved a lot."

ODDLY, given the time and money they have invested, the partners of Point Enterprises seem almost fatalistic about the outcome. Mr. Champi said he would treasure his trips to Vietnam even if he never got to put up an apartment block. "That may sound naïve and unbusinesslike, but it's true," he said.

For Mr. Carhart, the mere act of returning to Vietnam was its own reward. As an infantry platoon leader, Mr. Carhart saw fierce fighting in the war, and was shot twice in 1968. Then he was recruited into Operation Phoenix, a controversial program supported by the Central Intelligence Agency that sought to root out Vietcong agents working in South Vietnam, sometimes by killing them.

"I have terribly mixed feelings about Vietnam," Mr. Carhart said. "On the one hand, I did my duty. On the other hand, I've grieved deeply."

Last October, on one of his business trips to Vietnam, Mr. Carhart took a day off and visited the small town south of Ho Chi Minh City where he was based during his tour with Operation Phoenix. The house where he had planned his missions, he said, had been converted into a convent.

"Going back to that town put wings on my heart," he said. "You can't go home again, but you can sure close the circle."

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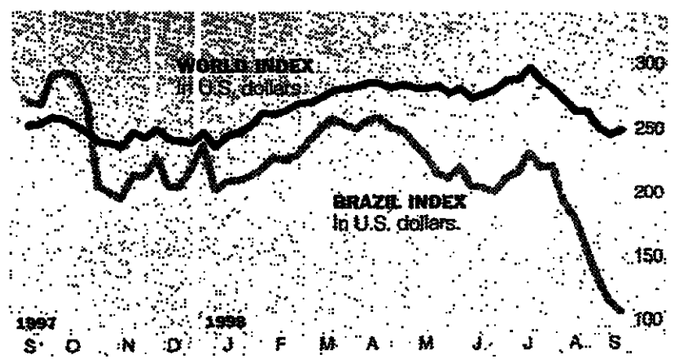

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Britain	335.97	- 0.2	15	1.3	13	3.32	295.82 - 1.0
Canada	184.46	3.9	7	-13.2	16	1.99	202.12 - 8.2
Denmark	471.09	0.8	12	5.3	9	1.57	412.85 - 0.9
Finland	420.93	5.9	3	51.1	1	2.02	454.01 42.6
France	292.54	- 0.5	17	22.2	3	2.42	259.93 15.1
Germany	262.34	1.2	11	14.3	5	1.38	230.19 7.3
Hong Kong	224.62	3.9	5	-37.1	21	6.83	223.49 -37.1
Indonesia	24.81	- 7.9	29	-62.5	28	3.61	181.10 -18.7
Ireland	416.13	4.3	4	3.6	10	2.40	395.66 - 0.3
Italy	142.54	- 3.2	25	21.2	4	1.65	177.57 14.3
Japan	84.59	0.3	14	-11.2	15	1.12	70.07 -10.5
Malaysia	104.10	- 0.6	18	-36.7	20	4.08	152.35 -38.2
Mexico	804.42	- 8.2	30	-55.4	27	2.94	9,278.81 -41.6
Netherlands	456.29	- 2.4	24	11.3	7	2.09	396.54 4.6
New Zealand	49.65	- 1.4	21	-35.0	19	6.06	50.66 -27.5
Norway	224.02	3.9	6	-29.9	18	2.74	229.43 -28.2
Philippines	42.48	- 6.7	27	-46.4	23	1.76	92.73 -41.2
Singapore	110.43	7.8	1	-51.0	24	3.46	87.45 -50.0
South Africa	162.19	- 0.9	19	-38.9	22	4.05	222.09 -21.3
Spain	307.77	- 4.8	26	13.2	6	2.28	334.58 6.6
Sweden	477.01	- 1.5	22	1.6	12	2.12	553.58 0.4
Switzerland	371.88	- 0.2	16	9.1	6	1.30	319.89 3.8
Thailand	8.66	3.8	8	-54.1	26	6.71	14.06 -61.0
United States	410.58	3.6	10	3.6	11	1.59	410.58 3.6
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Europe	317.89	- 0.5		10.0		2.33	297.82 5.1
Pacific Basin	89.19	0.6		-15.8		1.90	75.21 -14.6
Europe/Pacific	184.43	- 0.2		1.2		2.21	155.22 - 1.8
World	256.82	1.7		1.2		1.90	232.01 0.2

Source: Goldman, Sachs & Co. Exchange rates as of Friday's London close.
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Exchange rate	Friday	Last Friday	Week % Chg.	Year Ago
Japanese yen to the U.S. dollar	130.82	133.57	-2.06	121.01
German marks to the U.S. dollar	1.6935	1.7304	-2.13	1.7724
Canadian dollars to the U.S. dollar	1.5129	1.5215	-0.57	1.3929
U.S. dollars to the British pound	1.6728	1.6722	+0.04	1.6073

Source: Bloomberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

Fertile Crescent

With an ample supply of cheap labor and one of the few economies in Southeast Asia that is still growing, Vietnam is a tempting target for foreign investment.

Foreign investment in Vietnam

Number of licensed foreign investment projects through July 9	1,783
Dollar value of projects	$32.7 billion
Number of new licensed investment projects in first half of 1998	93 (26% decline from the same period last year)
Dollar value of projects	$1.15 billion (15% decline from last year)

Top investors, by country

	Number of projects	Dollar value (in billions)
Singapore	180	$6.98
Taiwan	304	4.15
Hong Kong	187	3.83
Japan	217	3.50
South Korea	191	3.14
France	91	1.58
Malaysia	60	1.37
United States	71	1.25
British Virgin Islands	55	1.08

Some big American investors

	Capital invested (in millions)
Coca-Cola	$100.0
Procter & Gamble	70.0
Exxon	50.0
Cargill	30.0
Citibank	20.0
Carrier	10.0
Lucent Technologies	3.5
I.B.M.	1.5

Sources: Foreign Trade and Investment Development Center, Vietnam Business Journal

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Seeking Justice in the House

With heavy hearts and churning emotions, Americans are taking this weekend to digest Kenneth Starr's allegations of misconduct and abuse of power by President Clinton. The official judgment of Mr. Clinton's fitness to serve will be rendered by the Congress, which is as it should be. Wrangling over the role and rights of the independent counsel can now give way to procedures and powers established indisputably by the Constitution, and that is a healthy development.

But it places a heavy burden on the House of Representatives, which will first consider the case and whether to hold impeachment hearings. Without an exact precedent from Watergate of receiving such detailed accusations from a special prosecutor, the House must invent new procedures as it goes along. So far, Speaker Newt Gingrich and Henry Hyde, the Judiciary Committee chairman, have been true to their promise of a bipartisan approach.

The House's primary obligation is to handle the case in a fair, nonpartisan way. That means that Mr. Clinton and his lawyers should be given every opportunity to see all the evidence, including evidence that has not yet been made public. When the Judiciary Committee meets tomorrow, it should reconsider its decision not to let Mr. Clinton's lawyers immediately review the 2,000 pages of backup material that accompanied the Starr report. The committee should also give Mr. Clinton access to the additional 17 boxes of what Mr. Starr calls "other evidence."

Because the White House is disputing the facts and interpretations contained in Mr. Starr's report, the House Judiciary Committee must transform itself into a kind of fact-finding body. The House needs to make sure that defenders of Mr. Clinton on the panel, in cooperation with the White House counsel, are able to obtain any information or testimony that challenges Mr. Starr's findings or legal analysis. There can be no room for unilateral subpoena power by the Republican majority, with no ability of the minority to exercise the same rights.

The Judiciary Committee should ask Mr. Starr if there is any additional material related to the case that he did not consider material, but which the defense may find exculpatory or otherwise crucial in its effort to challenge the credibility of witnesses.

Polls show that Americans want this process to be concluded swiftly, and there can be no doubt that the longer the uncertainty surrounding Mr. Clinton lasts, the weaker he will be in exercising the duties of his office. Even though elections are coming in November, the House must move promptly to determine whether the case requires impeachment proceedings. That decision ought to be reached before the October recess. If the decision is affirmative, initial hearings should commence after the election, as the country cannot afford to drift through a crisis of leadership until a new Congress is seated.

During Watergate, when the House examined the evidence against Richard Nixon, Democrats and Republicans set aside their political interests and weighed the facts with care. If the Clinton case comes to that, the House can achieve such a standard again. It has no more solemn obligation. It must act in the spirit of the Constitution to insure that history will see its actions as fair and considered and standing the test of time.

The Troubled Seas

As the naturalist Carl Safina observes in this month's Scientific American, it has always been hard to believe that humans might learn how to catch fish faster than the fish can reproduce — that there are, in fact, finite limits to the bounty of a seemingly infinite sea. But that is what has happened. Highly mechanized fleets, huge government subsidies and the food needs of a growing world population have combined to put many of the world's fish stocks at risk.

Mankind has, of course, insulted the oceans in other ways. Industrial and agricultural pollution, commercial development and the destruction of wetlands and estuaries have taken their toll on fragile marine ecosystems. But the gravest danger is poorly regulated fishing, which not only debases the marine environment but, over the long haul, will almost surely threaten the food security of millions of people.

After years of dire warnings and declining catches, which led to the near-collapse of the fishing industry in New England, the world's governments are beginning to wake up. In 1995, the United Nations approved the first international treaty to regulate fishing on the high seas. The treaty covered only 20 percent of the ocean's fish stocks — so-called "straddling fish" that migrate from coastal waters to the high seas — and it still awaits final ratification. Even so, it was a huge step forward for an organization that for years had been the world's biggest booster of industrial fishing.

Then, in 1997, a Republican Congress that has not generally been hospitable to environmental legislation reauthorized the Magnuson Act of 1976 and unexpectedly handed President Clinton a powerful weapon with which to rebuild American fish stocks, more than half of which are in trouble. The original act gave the United States jurisdiction over fishing grounds within 200 miles of the American coastline. That put an end to rampant overfishing by foreign fleets but did not, unfortunately, prevent American fleets from filling the void. More often than not, the eight regional councils created to regulate domestic fishing — all dominated by fishing interests — put short-term financial goals ahead of the long-term goal of preserving fish stocks.

The revised act was much tougher. It gave the regional councils two years to devise new and detailed strategies to rebuild fish populations — including strict quotas where necessary — and to minimize "bycatch," the collateral destruction of fish species that fishermen do not really want. These plans will be submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of the Commerce Department, next month. If they are inadequate, as many environmentalists fear, the Commerce Secretary can demand improvements.

This will be an important test of Mr. Clinton's promise last June to put responsible stewardship of the oceans at the top of his environmental agenda. An early indication of the Administration's resolve on this matter may come later this month when it issues its long-awaited plan on saving Atlantic swordfish stocks, which are in terrible shape.

The task of rescuing the seas is far from hopeless, given their amazing resilience. State and local efforts to restore the health of large estuaries like Long Island Sound and Chesapeake Bay are moving forward. Washington has begun to focus on the problem of agricultural runoff of poisonous wastes, and has embarked on an ambitious project to clean up the Mississippi River and help prevent the "dead zones" that periodically afflict the Gulf of Mexico. But none of these efforts confront the larger menace of overfishing. That is a global problem, on which Washington can and must take the lead.

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As Team Prices Soar, Only Media Can Buy

A soccer team is worth a billion to Rupert Murdoch.

The attention of American sports fans has been centered on the breaking of Roger Maris's home run record. But there is another record in the world of sports that is being broken by much greater margins than Mark McGwire or Sammy Sosa can hope to achieve. That is the record price for a sports franchise.

Until last week, the peak price was $311 million, paid earlier this year for the Los Angeles Dodgers by a company controlled by Rupert Murdoch. Then Alfred Lerner, who became rich through credit cards, paid $530 million for the Cleveland Browns expansion football team. The very next day, a company controlled by Mr. Murdoch offered $1 billion for the Manchester United soccer team in England.

That team is the most popular in Britain, and even has a following in Asia. The fate of Manchester United "is not a matter or life or death," commented one British newspaper. "It is much more important." A newspaper poll found 96 percent of the soccer team's fans in Manchester opposed to the deal, but the opinion that counts is that of the current owners of the team. Mr. Murdoch is paying more than four times what the team was worth less than two years ago, and they think that is just fine.

Mr. Murdoch values sports teams as reliable sources of television programming. He now has exclusive rights to televise England's top soccer league, but regulators have been challenging that on antitrust grounds, arguing that each team should be free to sell its own TV rights. If the regulators win that fight, Mr. Murdoch will be able to sell Manchester United rights to himself. Despite assurances to the contrary from aides to Mr. Murdoch, fans fear that he might put some or all Manchester United games on pay-per-view television. As it is, they are available only to those with cable or satellite service.

At least Mr. Murdoch does not seem to expect taxpayers to put up the money for his teams' stadiums. Both Manchester United and the Dodgers own their stadiums. That spirit is not, however, widely shared by his fellow owners. The bidding terms for the new Browns franchise specified that the winner would pay $54 million toward the cost of a new $280 million stadium, while Cleveland taxpayers pick up most of the cost. The rest of the money paid by Mr. Lerner will go to owners of other teams.

The popular theory now is that sports teams are valuable for media companies because fans will watch the station that broadcasts their games, even if they have to pay for satellite or cable television, and will then watch other programs as well.

If so, who will buy the teams the media magnates do not, or cannot, buy? Mr. Lerner, who became a billionaire as the boss of a company that is a leading issuer of Mastercard and Visa cards, fits the old pattern of a wealthy businessman who wants to have a sports team of his very own. But there are not many such people with a few hundred million to throw at a business that generates little in the way of profit after paying huge player salaries. Unable to get taxpayers to pay for a new stadium, Wayne Huizenga decided that the World Series championship he bought for the Florida Marlins was not worth the money it cost him and is trying to sell the team.

The runner-up to Mr. Lerner in the bidding for the Browns was a partnership that included a media magnate who is a partner with Mr. Murdoch in controlling local broadcasting rights for the Yankees and the Mets. In fact, Mr. Murdoch's companies control both the national television rights for baseball, through the Fox network, and the local rights for 22 of the teams through local station and cable operations.

A few years ago, people scoffed when Ted Turner treated his Atlanta Braves as a part of his television station, scheduling game times based on when the station needed programming. Now such things are taken for granted. The real purpose of big-time sports teams, it appears, is to bring in television viewers.

Are Full-Time Mothers a Threat?

To the Editor:

As a stay-at-home mother I am offended by Arlie Russell Hochschild's suggestion that women like me who have given up their careers to stay at home full time are "scolding traditionals" (Op-Ed, Sept. 7).

The real reason many women are abandoning their careers is not because of a lack of flexible hours, job sharing and maternity leave but because we can have a more positive impact on our children at home than we can at work. Stay-at-home mothers provide many benefits to their children: nurturing infants and toddlers, helping school-age children with school and extracurricular activities and guiding teen-agers through the pitfalls of adolescence.

While I am encouraged by companies that promote family-friendly policies, I think it is time for society to dedicate as much energy to helping mothers who devote their days to their children as we do to fostering corporate policies and government subsidies for mothers who work outside of the home. CYNTHIA T. SOHN
Grosse Point, Mich., Sept. 9, 1998

Workplace Must Change

To the Editor:

Re Arlie Russell Hochschild's Sept. 7 Op-Ed article, "A Work Issue That Won't Go Away": The problems faced by working women are not new. What is new is that we continue to debate the importance of women earning a living, assuring the well-being of their children and giving back to their communities through voting and volunteer work. All of these activities take time — lots of it.

The real question is not whether women should work but, as Ms. Hochschild points out, how to reform the workplace. Most people — men and women — work too much, and few of us can can afford to work part-time or take unpaid maternity leave. Work overload has many consequences: stress, loss of time for family and leisure at home, and loss of productivity and pleasure at work.

We should consider ways to reduce overwork so that both men and women can find time for themselves and for their families and communities. ANNE S. KASPER
Washington, Sept. 9, 1998
The writer is a sociologist at the Society for for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

Ignored by Politicians

To the Editor:

As much as I admire Arlie Russell Hochschild's arguments about the need for workplace reform to help working parents (Op-Ed, Sept. 7), I disagree that simply because there is a vacuum of policymaking on the subject, the issue will remain in the political spotlight.

Indeed, the issue has yet to see the light of day in this campaign season. American workplace policy is almost completely dominated by the imperatives of shareholders and management, and no politician seems prepared to make an issue of challenging that dominance.

Unfortunately, the American political system seems to be capable of functioning regardless of the fact that it no longer addresses issues like health care reform, education, child care, flextime and maternity leave — issues that affect the lives of working people. ERIC D. LOCK
Chicago, Sept. 9, 1998

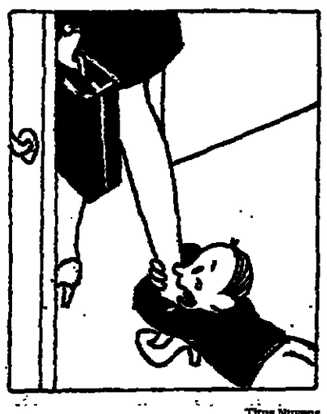
Not a Mother's Duty

To the Editor:

Arlie Russell Hochschild (Op-Ed, Sept. 7) is wrong to assert that we should stop asking whether mothers should be in the work force and admit that we live in a "she should work" world. This fails to distinguish between a right to pursue work and a duty to do so.

Under this logic, if mom "should" work, she "shouldn't" be at home. And women who are full-time care givers must be lazy, naughty or stupid. If her marriage ends, she and her children, of whom she is likely to take custody, will likely experience first-hand the feminization of poverty.

This is a cruel indictment of the mothers who choose to stay home not because they are intimidated by "scolding traditionals" but because they determine, perhaps with the father, that the family needs a full-time parent. CYNTHIA STARNES
East Lansing, Mich., Sept. 9, 1998
The writer is a professor of family law at Michigan State University.



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Bedouin Minority Holds Key to Jordan's Future

To the Editor:

Your report on the future of Jordan (news article, Sept. 6) fails to outline the internal tension between King Hussein's longtime supporters, the Bedouins, and the Palestinian majority. The likelihood of Crown Prince Hassan's successful assumption of power is tied to his ability to economically and politically placate the Bedouins. Whether he feels as comfortable in an Arab headdress as his brother is unimportant.

The ongoing demographic shifts in Jordan, which favor the Palestinians, represent a threat, but as President Hafez al-Assad of Syria and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq have shown, empowering a minority population can lead to a long reign of power. PAUL HAUPTMAN
St. Louis, Sept. 8, 1998

To the Editor:

"King Hussein's Illness Shifts Spotlight to Prince" (news article, Sept. 6), while noting the King's role in orchestrating last month's change of government, didn't mention that the King, acting through Crown Prince Hassan, ratified the outgoing Government's retrograde new press law — Draconian legislation that was one of the principal reasons for discontent with the former Government.

The negative impact of the law extends beyond journalism into publishing and academia. It imposes sweeping censorship, permits news blackouts and authorizes the banning of books and the suspension of newspapers. Crown Prince Hassan has championed civil institutions in the Arab world. It is sadly paradoxical that he has ratified this anachronistic law. HANNY MEGALLY
Exec. Dir., Middle East & North Africa Div., Human Rights Watch
New York, Sept. 9, 1998

Reporter's Lawsuit

To the Editor:

Re your Sept. 7 Business Day article on a lawsuit brought against The Philadelphia Inquirer by Ralph Cipriano, a reporter for the paper: Mr. Cipriano is a talented writer, as you suggest. However, as I and other editors learned, his reporting on the Archdiocese of Philadelphia called for heightened scrutiny because of his passionate feelings about the subject. You failed to note that most of the factual information contained in an article Mr. Cipriano wrote for The National Catholic Reporter this year had already been published in The Inquirer.

Your article also perpetuates the notion — supported by only one on-the-record source, a journalist at an alternative newspaper that is almost always at odds with The Inquirer — that The Inquirer became "soft" in the early 1990's. As editor of The Inquirer from 1990 to 1997, I know that virtually all complaints — from sources, readers and subjects — were to the effect that the paper was hard, tough, unrelenting and aggressive.

Your article also mentions a $34 million libel judgment against the paper in another case but fails to note that the verdict was reduced on appeal and was later settled out of court. MAXWELL KING
Philadelphia, Sept. 9, 1998

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Affirmative Action Has Its Victims

To the Editor:

It is illuminating to note what Derek Bok and William G. Bowen in their study of race-conscious admissions at elite colleges (news article, Sept. 9) see as a "central question" in the controversy: the fate of white students whom the minority students displace. Would society have been better off if these students had attended instead of the black students?

When the question is posed this way, we are invited to view affirmative action in terms of a broad societal question: Whom do we, as a society, prefer to place in our elite universities? The deck has been stacked, and diversity is the only humane option.

Most opponents of affirmative action would never have framed the issue like this. They do not think in terms of groups and result-oriented societal goals. For them, the issue is better framed in terms of a more fundamental question: To what extent is it acceptable to substitute the pursuit of demographic diversity for an individualized evaluation of applicants?

Mr. Bok and Mr. Bowen view affirmative action in terms of black versus white, while its opponents view the issue in terms of race-conscious versus race-neutral. ALEX ZUBATOV
Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 9, 1998

Do More for Students

To the Editor:

Your discussion of the Bowen-Bok study of affirmative action at elite colleges (news article, Sept. 9) overlooks the obvious. Elite schools like Princeton, Wellesley, Yale and Smith ration education while accumulating immense endowments.

These schools could easily afford to do more for the underprivileged while continuing to enroll students from the elite constituencies they were originally created to serve. Instead of paying lip service to affirmative action, these schools should use their vast resources to educate every promising student they can find, especially students from poor neighborhoods and circumstances that they have habitually ignored in the past. JAMES F. MCMANUS 3D
Phoenix, Sept. 9, 1998

Preparatory Schools?

To the Editor:

William G. Bowen and Derek Bok admit that they were advocates of race-conscious admissions policies before they undertook their study (news article, Sept. 9). Such an admission calls for looking at their results with an eye for unintended bias.

The study notes that despite the fact that blacks who enter elite institutions do so with lower test scores and grades than those of whites and receive lower grades and graduate at a lower rate, "they earn advanced degrees at rates identical to those of their white classmates" and "are even slightly more likely than whites from the same institutions to obtain professional degrees in law, business and medicine." Of course they do; they are the portion that have survived through the college years.

Such an evaluation turns college into a mere admissions test for graduate school. It's a long, expensive and unfair test, since some white students who, like their black classmates, lack parents with connections, can be denied the opportunity to prove themselves in college, while some blacks with lower merit may be given that chance. CHARLES KLUEPFEL
Bloomfield, N.J., Sept. 9, 1998

Issue Is Fairness

To the Editor:

The impact of race preference in admission to elite universities on those who are displaced because of their skin color is, as William G. Bowen and Derek Bok say, "the central question" (news article, Sept. 9).

The University of Michigan is currently involved in litigation in which the issue is not the performance of preferred minority students or the desirability of a diverse entering class but the fairness of reviewing applicants of any race or color under a system in which such admission preferences are given.

The Bowen-Bok study says that eliminating admission preferences based on race "would only marginally help members of the majority." This is wrong. The heavy burden of race preference is not borne by some faceless majority but by individuals who would have been admitted if the color of their skin or their race had been different. CARL COHEN
Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 9, 1998

A Step Toward Health

To the Editor:

The idea of a "how to" book on the relatively simple act of walking does seem funny (Week in Review, Sept. 7), but the public health problem posed by our sedentary society does not. Coronary artery disease is the number one killer in this country.

Aerobic exercise has been shown to decrease blood pressure and alter cholesterol profiles in ways that not only prevent coronary artery disease but also contribute to its cure. Given the billions of dollars we spend each year to diagnose and treat heart disease, and the many lives lost despite these efforts, designing creative strategies to encourage regular exercise should be a priority. NINA SIMONDS, M.D.
San Francisco, Sept. 9, 1998

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In America

BOB HERBERT

Still Doesn't Get It

David Maraniss, in his biography of Bill Clinton, "First in His Class," writes about an "intense relationship" that Mr. Clinton had with a young woman who had volunteered to work in his first campaign for public office. Mr. Clinton was running for Congress and the woman was a student at the University of Arkansas.

A campaign aide, quoted in the book, said, "The staff tried to ignore it as long as it didn't interfere with the campaign." But it did interfere, because Mr. Clinton was also intensely involved with Hillary Rodham.

Mr. Maraniss writes: "The tension at campaign headquarters increased considerably when Rodham arrived as people there tried to deal with the situation. Both women seemed on edge. The Arkansas girlfriend would ask people about Hillary: what she was like, and whether Clinton was going to marry her. When she was at headquarters, someone would sneak her out the back door if Rodham was spotted pulling into the driveway."

It was all there more than two decades ago at the very beginning of Bill Clinton's political journey: the thoughtlessness, the recklessness, the wanton use of friends and associates to cover up his ugly behavior, the willingness to jeopardize the hopes and dreams of people who were working for him and trusted him, the betrayal of those closest to him.

There is nothing new in Kenneth Starr's report, just confirmation in extreme and at times lurid detail of the type of person Mr. Clinton has always been.

> Clinton is apologizing because he has to.

In 1992, when he was running for President and people across the nation were investing their time, money and even their careers in him, he rewarded them with the Gennifer Flowers scandal. He carried his psychodrama onto national television when he went on "60 Minutes" and, with Mrs. Clinton at his side, called Ms. Flowers a liar.

He told Steve Kroft and 30 million viewers: "It was only when money came up, when the tabloid went down there offering people money to say that they had been involved with me, that she changed her story. There's a recession on, times are tough, and I think you can expect more and more of these stories as long as they're down there handing out money."

In other words, it was the economy, stupid.

But even as he was denying that he had had a sexual relationship with Gennifer Flowers, Mr. Clinton was going out of his way on "60 Minutes" to convey to the public that he had learned a lesson, that he had matured and that his irresponsible behavior would not be a problem if he were elected President.

"I have absolutely leveled with the American people," he said.

In fact, his comments were about as level as the Himalayas. We now know that he was willing to risk everything, his family, his Presidency, the welfare of the nation, on a dangerous fling with a White House intern. For him, it must have been great fun. He got to play so many people for fools. He got to chat on the phone with Congressmen while engaging in sex. He got to play hide and seek with the Secret Service.

Very mature behavior.

Now the Clinton psychodrama has much of the Government paralyzed and the Democratic Party in a state of panic. But Mr. Clinton still doesn't get it. On Thursday he met with the members of his Cabinet, who had been duped and lied to like so many others. He went into his emotional routine and said he was oh-so-sorry, etc. He begged for forgiveness.

But he got upset when the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Donna Shalala, said that she was appalled by his behavior. Ms. Shalala complained that the President seemed to believe that pursuing his policies and programs was more important than providing moral leadership.

A story in The Washington Post said Mr. Clinton responded sharply to Ms. Shalala, rebuking her. My understanding is that his response was critical but not harsh. Either way, it's clear that Mr. Clinton has not learned the requisite lessons. He lied to Ms. Shalala months ago and sent her out to lie to the public, and now he's criticizing her.

The President is not sorry. He's apologizing because there's a gun at his head. He's not changing what he now describes as his sinful ways. He's trying to manipulate public opinion so he can survive to sin again. The psychodrama remains as long as he remains.

There are no surprises here. With Bill Clinton, it was ever thus.

Can Clinton Find The Road Back?

Paul Rowalt

With the release of Kenneth Starr's report, President Clinton's fortunes may be at their lowest point yet, and the nation is openly asking whether he can ever recover, politically or personally. Here, various people give their views on how Mr. Clinton might make a comeback.

Mario M. Cuomo *is the former Governor of New York.*

First, President Clinton should make Senator Joseph Lieberman his point man. In his speech on the Senate floor, Mr. Lieberman criticized the President, but he also gave him a locus poenitentiae, a place for repentance under the law. The President should take advantage of that and say to the Senator: "You are the de facto leader of the forces of righteous indignation. You have said that you can save my Presidency. Show me the way. I will do anything I must to show that I am contrite." When he convinces the Senator that he is truly repentant, that will be the end of any punishment but censure.

Second, the President should show how the process is wrong. Kenneth Starr has dumped these papers on the jury, the American people, without any attempt to discriminate the good from the bad. It's not fair to ask the people to arrive at a conclusion when they haven't heard the other side.

Then the President and his aides should ask the people to consider the implications of an actual impeachment trial. Imagine what a trial is — a chance to examine and challenge every piece of paper, and examine and cross-examine every witness, and that includes Monica Lewinsky. This could go on for months and months. Imagine that spectacle; no one will tolerate it. And if the public won't allow it, the politicians won't either.

Lyn Nofziger *was an aide to President Ronald Reagan.*

If President Clinton is to retain his Presidency, the first thing he must do is quit apologizing — right now. Any more is maudlin — if it isn't already — and shows a lack of sincerity. Second, he must insist that impeachment proceedings begin immediately, on the assumption that he can ride them out. This show of confidence would re-instill confidence in his followers. Third, he must try to lift himself and his Administration above partisan politics, since at this moment he is barely welcome in his own party anyway, and tend to the nation's business. Let's see if his famed ability to compartmentalize is still functioning.

Last, if he is cleared by the Senate, he must shed his bitterness as well as his sanctimonious airs and ways, and spend his last two years working to be President of all the people. It won't work, but it's worth a try.

Alan Brinkley *is a history professor at Columbia University.*

Other than salacious details, the Starr report appears to add very little to what most of us have known for months. What has changed is less our knowledge of the facts than the public's perception of them.

The challenge facing President Clinton, in the short term at least, is to change that perception yet again. His overdue acts of contrition of the last few days may help, but they will not be enough. He needs to convince the public and the Congress that the private behavior described in the Starr report, tawdry and embarrassing as it is, remains fundamentally different from the abuses of official power that have traditionally been the grounds for impeachment of public officials.

Most Americans have dismissed these accusations as unworthy of their concern for nearly nine months. Mr. Clinton needs to remind them why they did so. But merely avoiding impeachment will not restore the moral and political authority the President has lost. He needs to remind the public why it voted for him in the first place — not for his personal morality, which most Americans have always considered flawed, but for his intelligence, his empathy and his ability to articulate the concerns of ordinary citizens.

> All right, Mr. President, here's what to do now....

William F. Buckley Jr. *is editor at large of National Review.*

As a mechanical matter, President Clinton needs only to contrive not to be impeached and convicted. To reclaim the Presidency in the eyes of the public, he needs to do not much more than what he has been doing to effect his high public approval. This will require continuing orchestration of the post-apology White House oratorio as well as adroit interventions by his courtiers and loyalists. They will take such advantages as can be taken from ambiguities, whether of witnesses or constitutional advantage or Magna Carta.

But to reclaim the Presidency in any comprehensive sense would require a change in Mr. Clinton's character. Can he do that? It's doubtful: his lapse wasn't an aberration, it was a systematic, deliberated violation, during 18 months, of elementary codes of professional and personal honor. When Abélard did it, it was possible to prevent its happening again. But here the reclaiming of the Presidency could be viewed only as the triumph of formalism, and of the nonjudgmental ethos of the 60's generation.

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If Grover Cleveland were around, he could teach Bill Clinton a few things about comebacks. When he was running for President in 1884, a news report accused Cleveland of fathering an illegitimate child 10 years before. Although he was not sure he was the father, Cleveland dutifully accepted responsibility for the child.

His forthrightness made no difference. The campaign against him deteriorated, and his candidacy seemed doomed.

Yet Cleveland was elected President that November. Why? Less because of what he did than for what his opponent had done. That opponent, James G. Blaine, had been implicated in shady railroad deals. The nation, therefore, had to choose between a private sinner and a public one. In a close election, it chose Cleveland; his private failing appeared less troublesome than the seemingly open corruption of Blaine.

So what can Bill Clinton learn from Grover Cleveland? Accept complete responsibility for personal failures, be lucky enough to have enemies with their own shortcomings, and bold steadfast to your political agenda. After the initial shock is past, the American people are less interested in sexual transgressions than they are in public achievements.

Donald Trump *is a real estate developer and the author of "Trump: The Art of the Comeback."*

President Clinton has made every mistake in the book, starting with keeping his attorneys, who mishandled the Paula Jones case. Mr. Clinton's latest attempts to grovel and continuously apologize to anyone willing to listen are demeaning both to himself and his country. How many times does he have to say "I'm sorry"?

Because of all these mistakes, the President's only option is to leave his wife (before she leaves him), resign from office and go out and have a good time! That should help him get all of these women — Linda Tripp, Lucianne Goldberg, Monica Lewinsky and Paula Jones — out of his mind forever.

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Pulp Nonfiction

WASHINGTON

The President must not lose his job. Not over this.

Certainly, Bill Clinton should be deeply ashamed of himself. He has given a bad name to adultery and lying. He has made wickedness seem pathetic, and that's truly a sin.

Kenneth Starr, all these years and all these millions later, has not delivered impeachable offenses. He has delivered a 445-page Harold Robbins novel.

If we are going to dump our President, it should be for something big and bold and black and original. Not for the most tired story ever told.

Middle-aged married man has affair with frisky and adoring young office girl. Man hints to girl he might be single again in three or four years. Man gets bored with girl and dumps her. Girl cries and rants and threatens, and tells 11 people what a creep he is.

The dialogue in this potboiler, compiled with sanctimonious, even voyeuristic relish by Reverend Starr, is so trite and bodice-ripping that it makes "Titanic" look profound.

> Kenneth Starr as Harold Robbins.

In fact, Monica identified with Rose, the feisty, zaftig young heroine of "Titanic." Last January, the former intern wrote the President what she called "an embarrassing mushy note" inspired by the movie, asking her former boyfriend if they could have sex (the lying-down kind).

Despite the fact that it takes place in the most powerful spot on the planet, the romance does not sizzle.

Bill Clinton fancies himself another Jack Kennedy and invoked his idol's name last week to defend himself. But Kennedy was cool. His women were glamorous. The Rat Pack was good copy. He may have been just as immoral, but his carousing at least had style.

Mr. Clinton's escapades are just cheesy and depressing. The sex scenes are flat, repetitive, juvenile and cloying, taking place in the windowless hallway outside the Oval Office study or in the President's bathroom.

The props are uninspiring. Monica always pretends she's carrying papers to get into the Oval Office, and she gives the President a frog figurine, a letter opener decorated with a frog and "Oy Vey! The Things They Say: A Guide to Jewish Wit."

Their meetings, often when the First Lady is traveling, are more needy than erotic.

Monica recalled, "I asked him why he doesn't ask me any questions about myself, and ... is this just about sex ... or do you have some interest in trying to get to know me as a person?"

By way of riposte, she said, the President laughed, said he cherished their time together and then "unzipped his pants and sort of exposed himself."

When she complained to the President that she had not had any hugs for months, he quipped, "Every day can't be sunshine."

Thankfully, Mr. Clinton grew tired of his little pizza girl. She sensed he was "putting up walls."

"This was another one of those occasions when I was babbling on about something," she said of their last rendezvous, "and he just kissed me, kind of to shut me up, I think."

He didn't call. He didn't write. She began to suspect she was being "strung along." Trapped in a stereotype, Monica became the raging, vengeful Glenn Close character in "Fatal Attraction."

"PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO ME," she wrote in a draft of a note to the President. "I feel disposable, used and insignificant."

She demanded a big job at the United Nations or in the business world in New York, as compensation for his ruining her life.

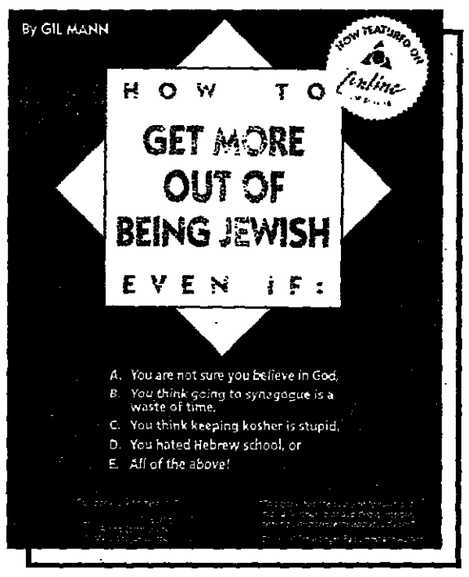
"I don't want to have to work for this position," she said. "I just want it to be given to me." She sent the President a "wish list" of jobs ("I am NOT someone's administrative/executive assistant") and enclosed an erotic postcard and her thoughts on education reform.

Now if the President was taking Monica's advice on education reform, that might be an impeachable offense.

She sent him a note that read: "I am not a moron. I know that what is going on in the world takes precedence ... I need you right now not as president, but as a man. PLEASE be my friend."

Getting nervous over her fits, Mr. Clinton reminded her, "It's illegal to threaten the President."

This is the document on which the fate of the Republic has been hanging? These are not grounds for impeachment. These are grounds for divorce.



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THE ARTS

A Director Who Thrives on a Lack of Illusions

By BERNARD WEINRAUB

LOS ANGELES

WITH enduring films like "Days of Wine and Roses," "The Manchurian Candidate," "Birdman of Alcatraz," "Seven Days in May" and "The Fixer" to his credit, John Frankenheimer was one of the foremost directors of the 1960's. But he stumbled under the weight of personal problems and bad choices, and, starting in the 70's, his career went awry. For filmmakers and actors who have made wrong decisions, few places are as cruel as Hollywood.

"It's a town with a short memory: it grinds up people and throws them away," Mr. Frankenheimer said recently in an interview, with a shrug and without a trace of bitterness. "I've had a good career. One film works and another film doesn't. And then you go through a period where a bunch of films don't work. So what you have to do is put that behind you and suck in your gut and say, 'O.K., now what can I do?' "

At the age of 68, with few illusions, Mr. Frankenheimer is seeking to complete a comeback this fall with a large-scale action-thriller, "Ronin," which opens on Sept. 25. The film centers on post-cold war mercenaries (played by, among others, Robert De Niro, Stellan Skarsgard, Jean Reno and Natascha McElhone) who are assembled in France to hunt down — amid betrayals and some extraordinary car chases — a mysterious suitcase. The film was written by J. S. Zeik and David Mamet (under the pseudonym Richard Weisz). Ronin was the name given to a former samurai in feudal Japan who was forced to work as a bandit or hired sword.

How was the match made between Mr. Frankenheimer and "Ronin"? Lindsay Doran, president of United Artists, the division of MGM that made the film, explained that Mr. Frankenheimer was in her office last year discussing another project shortly after the screenplay for "Ronin" arrived. "I thought, 'Wait a minute, here's a guy sitting on the couch, who wants to make a movie with us, and there's this screenplay that was born to be directed by him, so why don't we put them together?' " said Ms. Doran.

Marissa Roth for The New York Times

John Frakenheimer at 68. He made his directorial debut in 1956.

She recalled seeing Mr. Frankenheimer discuss his film "The Fixer" when she was a college student in the 60's. "I'm a big fan of his," Ms. Doran said. "I loved his movies, and I'm a supporter of the idea of hiring people who have practically been forgotten. There are an awful lot of filmmakers who stop getting hired when they're 60 or 55 or even 50. People say, 'Isn't there some new hot guy we can get?' So hiring John was very appealing to me and all of us."

Mr. Frankenheimer said the script for "Ronin" reminded him of action films of the 60's and 70's, films with fleshed-out plots and little of the high-tech wizardry that stamps most big-budget movies now.

"I've always been attracted to material that deals with characters who aren't what they seem to be — whether it's 'Manchurian Candidate' or some of the work I've done on television or the novels of John le Carré or Len Deighton or Richard Condon," said Mr. Frankenheimer. "What appealed to me too was that it was an intelligent suspense thriller. At heart it's a film that questions our ethics and the meaning of honor and what it means to 'do one's job.' "

There was another reason he did the film. "Let's not leave out the fact that most of it takes place in Paris," said Mr. Frankenheimer.

He talked about the film in the airy living room of his home on a quiet, canyon street in Beverly Hills. A tall, rangy figure, Mr. Frankenheimer has a craggy face and eager, surprisingly open style that give him the appearance of an aging tennis pro.

"Ronin," which cost about $60 million, is a risk for him as well as for financially ailing MGM. Mr. Frankenheimer has come back to studio movies relatively slowly. He was given an extraordinary boost in recent years when he returned to television, where he began in the 1950's, to make award-winning movies like "Against the Wall," "The Burning Season," "Andersonville" and "George Wallace."

His lone return to theatrical movies in the last few years was with "The Island of Dr. Moreau" (1996), a bizarre and much ridiculed film that includes one of Marlon Brando's weirdest performances. Mr. Frankenheimer was brought to the project after the original director was fired by New Line Cinema. "It was a mess when Frankenheimer came on," said one former New Line executive who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "They had stopped production, and what he did was salvage the film and make it releasable." (Asked about "Dr. Moreau," Mr. Frankenheimer was uncharacteristically terse. "It was a dreadful experience," he said. "I don't want to go into it.")

What is surprising about Mr. Frankenheimer is not simply his candor about himself but also the no-nonsense way in which he looks at his career. "Directing is a very difficult business — and few survive it," he said. "The nature of the beast is that any time you make a movie that costs a certain amount of money and doesn't make any money or loses money for a studio, your stock as a buyable commodity drops, whether it's your fault or whether it isn't. I mean, unless you're in the top one and a half percent you're not going to be offered all the great things."

He hopes that his next film for United Artists will be "The Good Shepherd," a drama about the Central Intelligence Agency, written by Eric Roth, who won an Academy Award for his adaptation of "Forrest Gump." Sipping a glass of water, with bare feet resting against a low table, Mr. Frankenheimer elaborated: "If 'Ronin' doesn't perform, you know as well as I do that there are suddenly going to be all kinds of problems with 'The Good Shepherd.' It's that kind of business." He paused: "If you're coming off a big hit or a couple of big hits, you're going to get offered a lot more material than if your film opened and closed in a weekend."

He continued quietly: "So many people have other choices. They can write or act or can do something else. I've never been that type of person. My career has been up and down and down and up. To me life is a very simple choice: this is the only thing I've ever been good at."

Patrick Camboulive/MGM

Robert De Niro in John Frankenheimer's "Ronin,' a thriller that will open Sept. 25.

FOR years Mr. Frankenheimer's career was decidedly up. He was raised in New York City and Long Island, the son of a stockbroker. "I come from a half-Irish, half German-Jewish background, a very volatile mix," he said with a laugh. During the Korean War, while he was in the Air Force making training films, Mr. Frankenheimer decided that he wanted to be a director. Soon afterward, he was hired as an assistant director at CBS-TV in New York, where he worked on weather and news broadcasts as well as series like "Person to Person," "You Are There" and "See It Now."

This quickly led to assignments directing 152 live television dramas between 1954 and 1960 — an average of one every two weeks — for "Playhouse 90" and other anthology series. He made his feature-film directorial debut in 1956 with "The Young Stranger." What followed was an extraordinary array of intimate psychological portraits ("Days of Wine and Roses" and "The Manchurian Candidate") and stylish action dramas ("The Train" and "Grand Prix").

But his life was eventually engulfed by personal difficulties, including alcoholism. "I had a drinking problem," he said quietly. "It took a toll on me. And the state of mind you're in when you have a problem like that, even when you're not drunk, is the most dangerous time. Because you make decisions that are not totally in your best interest — about your life, about your career choices and everything."

Nearly 18 years ago he stopped drinking. "I said, 'I can't go on like this' — I figured I'd better do something about it because otherwise I was going to die," recalled Mr. Frankenheimer, who has been married for 37 years to the actress Evans Evans, who appeared in the original Broadway production of William Inge's "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" and films like "Bonnie and Clyde." They have two daughters.

Compounding his torment early on was the assassination in 1968 of Robert F. Kennedy. He and Kennedy had developed a close friendship, and Mr. Frankenheimer had spent a good part of that year traveling with the Presidential candidate on the campaign trail. In fact, on the last day of his life, Kennedy was staying at Mr. Frankenheimer's home in Malibu. Mr. Frankenheimer drove Kennedy to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles to celebrate his triumph in the California primary. It was there that Kennedy was killed.

"He wanted me up there on the podium with him," said Mr. Frankenheimer, "but I told him that this wasn't the kind of image he wanted — a movie director beside him on the night of the primary."

EVEN now, those memories are raw and difficult for Mr. Frankenheimer. "It was a terrible night, a terrible time," he said haltingly. "What I went through is nothing compared to what his family went through, but it was a terrible time.

"If you want to date a moment when things started to turn, it was after that night. I went through sheer hell. I went to Europe, and I just lost interest. I got burned out. I was really left very disillusioned and went through a period of deep depression. It took a long time to get it back."

Mr. Frankenheimer lived in France for about five years, taking cooking classes as an escape. Eventually he directed some films, notably "The Iceman Cometh" (1973), with Lee Marvin, Fredric March, Robert Ryan and Jeff Bridges, and "Black Sunday" (1977), with Bruce Dern. But the years that followed saw a general downturn in his work, with such forgettable movies as "Prophecy" in 1979 and "The Challenge" in 1982.

He said that one of his favorite films, "The Gypsy Moths" (1969), with Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr and Gene Hackman, about skydivers in Kansas, failed because new management at MGM wanted to discredit the previous management and gave it no publicity. Another favorite of his, "The Horsemen" (1971), an action-adventure film with Omar Sharif and Jack Palance, was, he said, dumped by Columbia Pictures because various top executives were in conflict with one another. "I refuse to accept that a director's work is measured by commercial success because that would make a lot of bad directors geniuses," he said.

Movie offers dwindled in the 1980's. Mr. Frankenheimer said that this was "a time of rebuilding and kind of re-establishing myself."

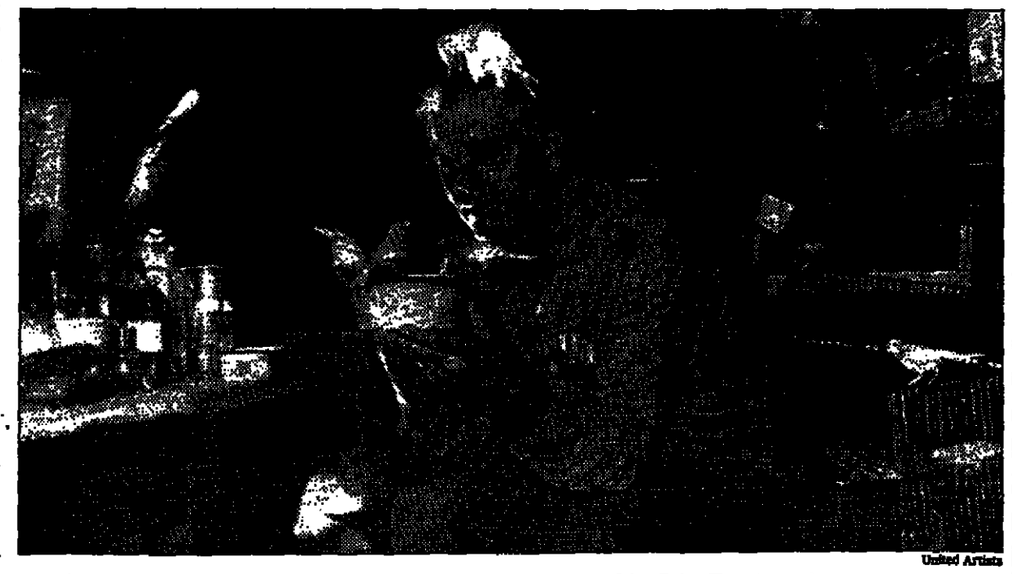
In 1994, he won an Emmy for his direction of HBO's searing prison drama "Against the Wall," about the bloody 1971 riot at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York. The next year he won an Emmy for his direction of "The Burning Season" for HBO. A third Emmy followed in 1996 for his direction of "Andersonville," a mini-series for TNT. This run of success led Ms. Doran and her colleagues at United Artists to offer him "Ronin."

THE movie's international cast responded warmly to Mr. Frankenheimer. "He is like a young director — he seems 30 years old," said Mr. Reno, a French star who is probably best known here as the most interesting actor in "Godzilla." "He's very fast, he doesn't fish about or hesitate, he makes decisions quickly and knows exactly what he wants. At the same time he listens to actors and technicians. He's confident."

Similarly, Ms. McElhone, who most recently played opposite Jim Carrey in "The Truman Show," said: "John is very upfront, very on the nose. He's obviously a proud guy and self-assured, but there's another side to him which is so refreshing: he's not threatened by actors, he's not ego-based. He's quite happy to let other people contribute and let your ideas be part of the film."

Ms. Doran said that Mr. Frankenheimer's recent feature-film and cable-television work is defined by one quality. "The word that keeps coming up for John's work is 'professionalism,' " she said. "This guy's been doing it a long time. There's an assured quality to his storytelling that's undeniable."

As for Mr. Frankenheimer, he looks at his career — and his future — with surprising contentment. He has endured pain and failure, he said. But who hasn't? "I've worked all these years," he said, "which is, after all, the name of the game."



United Artists

Burt Lancaster in "Bird Man of Alcatraz," a 1962 drama directed by John Frankenheimer.

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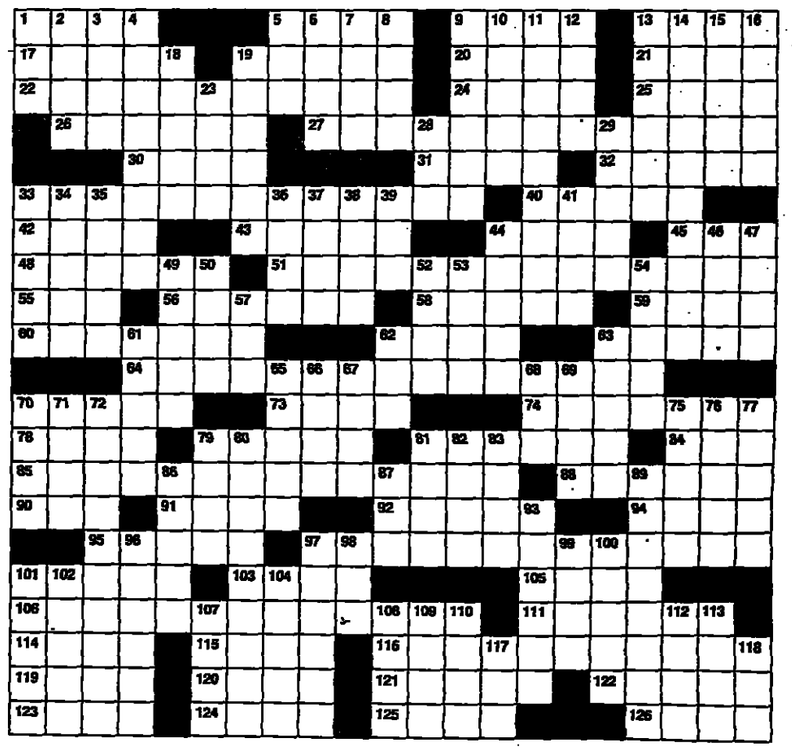

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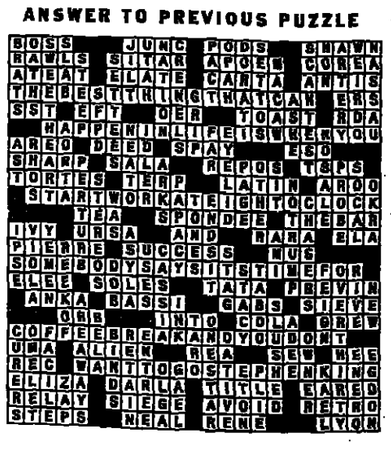

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The stuff of pulpy romance

American – and world – attention has focused primarily on the tawdry sexual details surrounding the Clinton-Lewinsky affair. But it had its tender side too, writes Peter Baker

The Hug: There was an adolescent quality to the affair, from the cloak-and-dagger attempts to hide it to the sexual encounters that sound more like teenagers thrashing around in the back seats of their parents' cars. (Reuters)

Around 11 in the morning one spring Saturday last year, the telephone rang at Monica S. Lewinsky's Watergate apartment. It was President Clinton's personal secretary. Could Lewinsky come see him?

Lewinsky rushed to the White House, as she had every other time the call came over the last 18 months. Even a year later, she remembered in grand jury testimony what she wore: A straw hat with a hat pin Clinton had given her. She brought him gifts, too, a puzzle and a Banana Republic shirt.

But the president had bad news for her. Their affair, he said determinedly, was over. Although he had had hundreds of adulterous liaisons early in his marriage, he told her, he had been trying to be more faithful since turning 40.

Lewinsky burst into tears. In despair, afraid he wouldn't listen to her entreaties, she later wrote him a note: "Please do not do this to me. I feel disposable, used and insignificant."

Finally, after she threatened to tell her parents about their trysts, he agreed to see her again on the Fourth of July. Soothing and affectionate, he toyed with her hair and talked about whether things might change after he left office.

As Lewinsky left that day, she said later, "I just knew that he was in love with me."

While the nation's attention has focused primarily on the tawdry sexual details of their West Wing assignations, the relationship between the married president and the onetime intern depicted in independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr's impeachment report is more complex, punctuated by moments of tenderness and times of turmoil. It was a cycle of pursuit and resistance, punctuated by the president succumbing to desire despite better instincts.

As presented by prosecutors, this was a relationship between two often troubled people wrestling with insecurities and misgivings, long before public exposure hurled Clinton into the gravest political crisis any president has faced since Watergate.

THERE was something of an adolescent quality to the affair described in Starr's 453-page report, from the cloak-and-dagger attempts to hide it from presidential aides to the sexual encounters that sound more like teenagers thrashing around in the back seats of their parents' cars.

He gave away the first present he ever received from her, a matted poem he turned over to the National Archives. Twice he refused to give her a tour of the White House residence for fear of exposure. Once in the middle of telephone sex, he fell asleep.

As for her, she alternated between sending "mushy" love notes to yelling at him for not seeing her enough. During his 50th birthday celebration at Radio City Music Hall, she got close to him as he worked a rope-line and surreptitiously touched his crotch.

This was hardly the affair to remember – and yet no one will ever forget it. The public version is, by definition, an incomplete picture, told mostly through Lewinsky's grand jury testimony, since Clinton has declined to elaborate on his admission that they had an inappropriate physical relationship.

To the extent that he has challenged her account, the disputes focused mainly on details. The president in his August 17 grand jury testimony recalled fewer sexual episodes and said he thought they started later, after she was no longer an intern. He also insisted he never so much as touched her in any erogenous zone, an important point in the debate over whether he committed perjury.

BUT for now, unless he decides to tell more, this is Monica's story.

It began shortly after she got her White House internship in July 1995, with the help of a family friend and big-time Democratic benefactor, Walter S. Kaye. She would see the president at departure ceremonies as he left the White House or other events in the West Wing, trying to introduce herself, trying to make eye contact.

He seemed to notice her, and she told friends she sensed some chemistry. Then a budget fight with the Republican Congress shut down the government, and interns like Lewinsky were enlisted to virtually run the White House while regular employees were furloughed.

On the night of November 15, she was helping out in the West Wing office of Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta, just a few steps from the Oval Office. Clinton came by for an aide's birthday party and Lewinsky flirted with him. At one point, when they were alone, she lifted her jacket to show him the straps of her thong underwear.

Later in the evening, she was heading to a restroom when she passed the office of senior adviser George Stephanopoulos. Inside was the president, and he was alone. He invited her in and she confessed to harboring a crush on him. Clinton laughed and took her through a side door, through his dining room and into the hallway adjoining the private study attached to the Oval Office, where they talked briefly. He asked if he could kiss her. She said yes. And he did.

A couple of hours later, he found her again and suggested they meet again in Stephanopoulos's office in a few minutes. Again they headed into the private study, where the lights were off, and this time they began fumbling around and she performed oral sex on him – even as he took calls from two members of Congress.

EVEN at the time Clinton knew this was risky territory. He tugged on the pink intern pass hanging around the 22-year-old's neck and said this could be a problem.

With the shutdown continuing, Clinton and Lewinsky got together again just two days later, after she and other aides ordered pizza. Clinton ran into her and told her to bring him some slices. A few minutes later, the door to the Oval Office opened.

"Sir," personal secretary Betty Currie told the president, "the girl's here with the pizza." Clinton retreated to the study with Lewinsky, leaving the door slightly ajar, as he would each subsequent time – both to hear if someone approached, he said, and to make it seem as if there was nothing to hide in case someone did.

"We would tell jokes. We would talk about our childhoods... about current events. I was always giving him my stupid ideas..."

Eventually, though, the government reopened and Lewinsky lost the cherished access to the West Wing. She never heard from Clinton, even though she had given him her name and telephone number, and she feared that perhaps he had a girlfriend on staff who was now back from being furloughed.

Then, on New Year's Eve, she came across the president again. When he called her "kiddo," she assumed he must have forgotten her name. Clinton assured her he did remember.

A WEEK later, Clinton called Lewinsky at home for the first time, and they arranged another rendezvous. By now they had come up with a cover story – she would carry a folder and tell anyone who asked that she was delivering papers. A couple of weeks later, they met again.

"I asked him why he doesn't ask me any questions about myself and... 'Is this just about sex... or do you have some interest in trying to get to know me as a person?'" Lewinsky recalled.

Clinton replied that he "cherishes the time that he had with me." But it was not until February 4, after their sixth sexual encounter, that they had their first extended personal conversation.

They talked for 45 minutes and, whether it was true or not, she began to sense that he might really care. That there might be something more than instant gratification Clinton was looking for.

Soon they were regularly talking on the phone, growing closer. All told, they had perhaps 50 phone conversations. During about a third of them, Lewinsky recalled, they talked dirty to arouse each other. But they also talked like friends. She even ventured to offer her opinions on public policy to the president.

"We would tell jokes," Lewinsky testified. "We would talk about our childhoods. Talk about current events. I was always giving him my stupid ideas about what I thought should be done in the administration... different views on things."

Clinton, though, was nursing doubts. He did not feel right about their relationship... and on President's Day, February 19, summoned her to the Oval Office and called off their affair.

The breakup didn't last long. Soon he began calling again.

ALL of this had not gone unnoticed. Currie, other aides and Secret Service officers suspected what was going on, according to the testimony Starr collected in painstaking detail during the last eight months.

Evelyn S. Lieberman, then the deputy White House chief of staff and a friend of the first lady's, had chided Lewinsky for showing up near the Oval Office. After a Secret Service officer complained, Lieberman testified, "I decided to get rid of her," and had her exiled to a job at the Pentagon.

Distraught at the development, a sobbing Lewinsky told Clinton by telephone about the transfer on Easter Sunday and asked to come see him. In the Oval Office later, she believed he was upset at her departure.

"Why do they have to take you away from me?" she recalled him saying. "I trust you." He promised to bring her back after the election, and soon they began fooling around again.

This time, he took a call from political adviser Dick Morris while she performed oral sex on him; Morris was in Paris at the time and they were consulting about campaign advertisements.

That was their last sexual encounter in 1996. Clinton, after all, was busy barnstorming the country seeking reelection, and Lewinsky was biding her time unhappily at the Pentagon. Still, they talked.

In September, they argued on the telephone when she told him she wanted to have intercourse with him and he refused.

But the election did not bring the relief she expected. Clinton won handily, but Lewinsky's hoped-for White House job didn't materialize.

FINALLY, in early 1997, they began seeing each other again.

On February 28, after Clinton taped his weekly radio address, they got together for their first sexual encounter in nearly a year – and, although they did not know at the time, their most fateful. Lewinsky showed up for the radio address wearing a navy blue dress she had bought at the Gap.

Clinton gave her belated Christmas gifts, including a special edition of Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. As they began engaging in sex, Clinton said "he didn't want to get addicted to me and he didn't want me to get addicted to him," Lewinsky recalled.

But he left a permanent legacy on the dress that would later give Starr a DNA match.

The president said later that he was pained after their encounter. He had vowed not to resume their sexual activities, but gave in anyway.

"I was sick after it was over," he testified. "I never should have started it, and I certainly shouldn't have started it back after I resolved not to in 1996."

Yet they got together for sex one last time, according to Lewinsky, on March 29, not long after Clinton returned from his Helsinki summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and while Hillary Clinton was in Africa. Clinton was on crutches from a knee injury. Lewinsky wore no underwear.

After that, Clinton stood firm in his resistance to any more liaisons with Lewinsky. On May 24, the president called Lewinsky to the White House and broke off their relationship again, but told her he thought she was great and wanted to stay friends.

Lewinsky still wanted a job and Clinton assigned an aide to look into it, but it seemed to lead nowhere. On July 3, Lewinsky wrote a "peevish letter" saying if she did not return to the White House, she would "need to explain to my parents exactly why that wasn't happening."

Although at times it seemed that Lewinsky treated Clinton more like an errant boyfriend than the nation's chief executive, she was about to be reminded of who exactly she had been making demands on.

Clinton saw her the next day, and lectured her that "it's illegal to threaten the president of the United States." Lewinsky began to cry and so he comforted her, stroking her arm, kissing her neck. He told her he wished he had more time for her, and she suggested perhaps he would – in three years after leaving the White House.

He gave her Christmas gifts, including a blanket, a marble bear's head and joke sunglasses... [but] his secretary Betty Currie showed up later that day to take possession of them

"I don't know, I might be alone in three years," she recalled him replying.

She left that day "emotionally stunned," taking that to mean he might leave his wife and marry her once his presidency was over.

But it was not to be. They met several more times through 1997, but he stuck to his resolution not to continue a sexual affair, resisting whenever she tried to initiate sex, at most just kissing her.

On November 13, after days of trying to get hold of him, she visited again, but only after being kept waiting in the rain. While in the study, Lewinsky noticed several presents she had given him. When he came in, she tried again to interest him in oral sex, but he said he had to go to a state dinner.

THROUGH much of this period, Lewinsky swung wildly from resentful anger to lovesick hope for the future.

The president often appeared angry. They fought on the telephone late at night and he told her that if he had known what she was really like he never would have gotten involved with her.

She wrote him a letter that concluded, "I knew it would hurt to say goodbye to you. I just never thought it would have to be on paper. Take care."

But she did not want to say goodbye. On December 6 she went to the White House to deliver the letter along with several gifts – not knowing that just the day before, Paula Jones's lawyers had faxed a witness list to Clinton's lawyers with her name on it.

Lewinsky waited for 40 minutes and finally was told by a Secret Service officer that Eleanor Mondale was in the White House. Lewinsky erupted. He was meeting with another woman? She stormed off and called Currie to berate her. Eventually Clinton told her by phone it was none of her business, but invited her back to the White House anyway.

The next time they met was the last. That was the infamous December 28 meeting, when he gave her several Christmas gifts, including a blanket, a marble bear's head and joke sunglasses. After discussing the Jones subpoena for gifts, however, Currie showed up later that day at the Watergate to take possession of them.

The last phone call was on January 5, just before Lewinsky would sign an affidavit denying any sexual relationship with Clinton. She had written him a love note inspired by the movie *Titanic*, telling him she wanted to have intercourse just once. He told her she should not put that in writing.

"I never expected to fall in love with the president," she would say later. "I was surprised that I did."

(Washington Post)

Dear Jonny...

Not Page One

Sam Orbaum

He was just a beggar.

When he died, he was just one less beggar on the streets of Jerusalem.

When he was pulled lifeless out of the excavation pit, a psychotic mental patient who may have leapt to his death, society shrugged: Who cares?

"Dear Jonny," his mourning father wrote, in a eulogic letter his son would never read, "I cannot tell you how proud I am of you, my firstborn and very loving son. I know that you are no longer fighting the horrible demons that have been tormenting you for the past 10 years."

Just some anonymous street bum.

Two hundred people attended a memorial service for him in New York.

Hundreds more laid him to rest on the Mount of Olives. Innumerable Jerusalemites he touched with his extraordinary generosity, love, holiness, humor, still honor him a year after his death at the age of 40.

He was known here as Yoni. He was known where Jerusalemites milled, where he could scrounge their loose change.

"You were a star in an honored Jewish profession by collecting money for the poorest of the Orthodox community for 10 hours a day at the Jerusalem Central Bus Station, and then distributed it all without ever keeping a shekel for yourself. Always with a smile, and the most penetrating, sincere laugh that even Philip Roth commemorated in one of his novels when you had your chance meeting at the Western Wall."

Yoni once stripped naked at the Wall, overwhelmed by the devil within him.

And there are dark recriminations of a devil without, a rabbi who mesmerized, manipulated and abused him for 10 years, reportedly keeping the money Yoni collected.

There was taped testimony from Yoni himself, and hushed talk among his closer friends. They eventually tried to extricate Yoni from his malevolent mentor, but it was a sorry mismatch: a bunch of loopy, maladjusted sociopaths up against the religious establishment. They claimed victory, though, when the rabbi was forbidden to see Yoni.

"I can't tell you how much I will miss the pleasure of having you on my arm, walking the streets of Jerusalem, having every shopkeeper, Jew or Arab, tell me how blessed I am to have a son as generous as you."

He was a startling character from the time he came to Israel in 1986. He liked hugging his fellow man – Jew and Arab – kissing, blessing, touching strangers. He was mad, yes, mad about people. They shrank from him, because such unabashed, unrestrained love for humanity is, well, nutty.

We are more comfortable with hatred than with Jonny's kind of love.

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"So, Jonny, 12 years after your graduation from Edison High in New Jersey, where you were class president, lunchroom comedian and tennis star – before those neurotransmitters in your brain went berserk in your freshman year at NYU – you were once again vibrant, hopeful.

He was mad, yes, mad about people. We are more comfortable with hatred than with Jonny's kind of love

"Your goodness and love were incredible, but most of all, my son, your spirit and good humor were indomitable.

"Thank you for being my greatest role model."

Doomed to the agonies of his incurable madness, Yoni spread joy vastly.

Through his scraggly beard a crackling humor shone. He radiated an almost-biblical aura of goodness – and greatness. The only thing he kept to himself were the screaming demons.

I saw him once or twice; we all have, anyone who's been through the bus station, the Old City, downtown. He was just a beggar.

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The voices, the demons, were more omnipotent than God.

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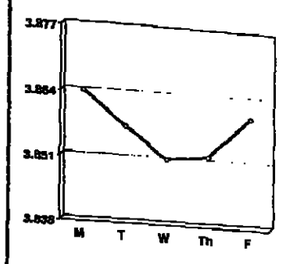

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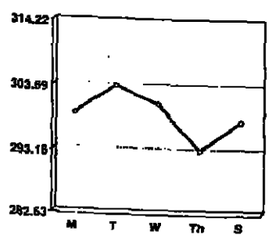

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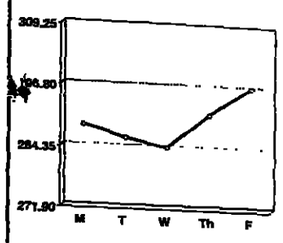

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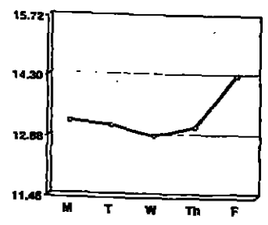

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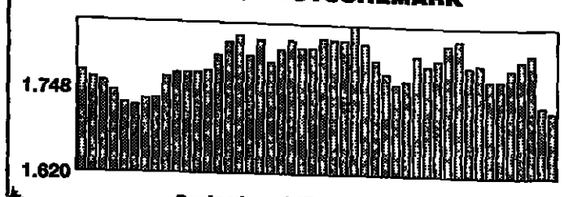

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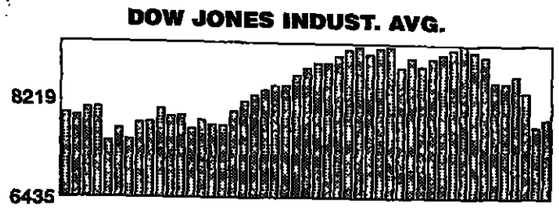

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El Al Jan.-June loss down 75%

El Al yesterday reported that it lowered its net loss for the first six months of the year by $15.5 million to $5.7m. while revenues rose 1.4 percent to $565m.

In a statement, the state-owned airline said that it has been losing money in the first half of each year since 1992. The loss for the first six months of 1998 is, however, the lowest posted during the last six years. El Al attributed the improvement to a decrease in costs. The airline said that during the first half of 1998 the number of tourists coming to Israel continued to decline, while the number of Israelis going abroad continued rising. Despite that, the number of passengers using El Al's services remained stable. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Clal sells 2 subsidiaries for NIS 80m.

Clal Industries and Investments yesterday announced that it has completed the sale of two of its subsidiaries as part of the company's strategic plan. In the first transaction, Clal sold its holdings in Bio Dar to a subsidiary of chemical manufacturer Makhteshim-Agan Industries for NIS 22 million. The deal concludes Clal's divestment from the chemical-generic industry.

In a separate announcement, Israel's second-largest holding company said its Clalcom subsidiary has sold to ECI Telecom its 80 percent stake in the IP Telephony development and manufacturing division of NKO for $15m. The company said that the move is in line with its strategy of turning Clalcom from an investment company to a holding company. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Zisser, Papouchado open 2nd Hungary mall

Europe Israel and Red Sea Hotel yesterday announced the opening of a new shopping mall in the city of Gyor in Hungary at an investment of $16 million. The companies said they hope that the mall would generate an annual income of some $3.5m. Europe Israel, which is controlled by entrepreneur Motti Zisser and Red Sea Hotels, which is controlled by Eli Papouchado, plan to open two new shopping centers in Hungary in the next 12 months. The two companies already have one shopping complex in the outskirts of Budapest. *Dan Gerstenfeld*

Elscint components sold for $375m.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Elbit Medical Systems' subsidiary Elscint will sell most of its medical diagnostic imaging business to several buyers for an aggregate $375 million in cash, the company announced yesterday.

The deals' total is equal to more than 2.5 times the NYSE-traded company's market value.

Elscint said that it will sell its entire computated tomography division (CTD) to Picker International, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the UK-based General Electric Company, which is not related to the US-based GE, for $275 million.

According to the terms of the deal, Picker will acquire all of Elscint's CT division business.

The company said that it plans to maintain Elscint's research and development, production, manufacturing, sales and service operations worldwide.

Elscint will retain its manufacturing facilities in Israel and will be supplying sub-assemblies for the businesses acquired by Picker.

Cary J. Nolan, president and CEO of Picker International, said that following the deal Picker will dramatically increase its CT presence in several strategic global markets.

In a separate announcement, Elbit said that Elscint has agreed in principle to sell its nuclear medicine and magnetic resonance medical imaging businesses to US-based General Electric Medical Systems for $100m.

Jeffrey R. Immelt, GE Medical Systems president and CEO, said the acquisition enables GE to better serve the world's medical care givers and their patients. Under the terms of the deal, GE will acquire all of Elscint's sales and service capabilities and certain design and manufacturing capabilities of the magnetic resonance imaging business.

The two companies plan to continue their joint venture, ELGEMS, which was formed in 1997 to design and manufacture nuclear imaging products. The operations acquired by GE include facilities in Israel, the US and England.

The companies said that when the transaction is complete, GE and ELGEMS will have more than 250 medical imaging employees in Israel in the areas of ultrasound, nuclear medicine and MR.

Russians horde drugs

Weekend shoppers buy medicine at No. 1 Pharmacy in the center of Moscow. While the Duma confirmed the appointment of Yevgeny Primakov as Russia's new prime minister, Muscovites were stocking up on medicine in fear of rising prices and a possible imposition of barriers on a host of imports. (AP)

Clinton, Rubin seeking $18b. aid package for IMF

By VIVIANNE RODRIGUES

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) – US President Bill Clinton said Saturday that he and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin will mount an intensified push to get Congress to approve additional funding for the International Monetary Fund.

A day after the release of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report charging that he lied, tried to obstruct justice, and abused the power of the presidency, Clinton said in his weekly radio address he intends to focus on issues like the economy, health care, and combating terrorism.

Obtaining $17.9 billion in new funds from Congress for the IMF – which may be called on to assist Brazil and other Latin American nations, after being stretched by earlier aid plans for Russia and Asian nations – must be a priority, Clinton said.

"Treasury Secretary Rubin and I will go to New York on Monday where I will discuss [before the Council on Foreign Relations] the current challenges of the global economy and the risks to our prosperity unless we act on the IMF request and take some other steps designed to make sure that America does not become a sea of prosperity in an ocean of distress," Clinton said.

Also on Saturday, Russian President Boris Yeltsin told Clinton that Russia will "stay the course on economic reform," White House National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Clinton telephoned Yeltsin Saturday morning, the day after Russia's lower house of parliament, the Duma, confirmed a new prime minister and central bank chief to lead an economic team that likely will print more money and boost government regulation of Russia's economy. The two leaders spoke for about 30 minutes, said Crowley.

Yeltsin sought to reassure Clinton that even as Communists join the Russian cabinet, the country intends to carry out economic reforms sought by the IMF, Crowley said.

The IMF is expected to soon consider paying Russia the next $4.3 billion installment of $22.6 billion in loans. IMF deputy managing director Stanley Fischer said last week that payment of that installment would require at least "the restoration of a coherent macroeconomic framework and a set of plans by the government to deal with the underlying structural problems."

Key to that effort, he said, is to "get a tax system that works."

Internet fuels financial markets

BUERGENSTOCK, Switzerland, (Reuters) – The Internet will be the driving force for the financial markets of tomorrow by funneling huge sums of money from increasingly sophisticated private investors, industry officials say.

Individuals and small institutional investors already are transacting billions of dollars worth of business on the Internet every day, and the volume is bound to rise, officials attending the annual Buergenstock derivates conference said.

"The next direction is obvious. The next direction is that most transactions are going to come through the Web. Most transactions worldwide will come through the Web," said John Wall, president of NASDAQ international.

NASDAQ, the electronic stock exchange launched in 1971, was getting around 22 percent of its orders via the Internet at the end of 1997, he said.

"That is 150 million shares of transactions coming to us right out of the Web. That is about a $4 billion business and it is growing dramatically," Wall said, estimating that the volume had doubled to around $8b. a day since then.

"The transactional interest is coming from individuals as well as small institutions, where they are able to control transactions, because the ability is right in front of them in their PC.... That is the driving force that you are going to see."

Antoinette Hunziker, chief executive of the Swiss Exchange, said this growing client group would put pressure on traditional financial intermediaries like banks.

"The consequences are that banks will not in the long run earn the same amount of commissions. This means that there is cost pressure and the exchanges have to produce absolutely efficiently and at low cost. That is the impact on the exchanges," she said.

Gerrit de Marez Oyens, secretary general of the Federation Internationale des Bourses de Valuers (FIBV) exchange association, noted the Internet has traditionally been a tool for seeking information.

"The change will be from searching to bringing liquidity to the market," he said, holding out the vision of "matching machines" that automatically execute investors' trades.

Investors already can deal up to 5,000 shares for $9 a trade, Wall noted. This has made the cost of executing trades a commodity that banks ignore at their peril.

Koor sells Galilee Fruits to Investment in Industry

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Koor Industries yesterday said it signed an agreement to sell all of its holdings in Galilee Fruits and Galilee Fruits Marketing to Investment in Industry.

In a statement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the company said that following the deal, which is expected to be completed within 30 days, it will stop acting as a guarantor for the two companies' debt, some NIS 68 million.

The move is in line with Koor's strategic plan of focusing on its core business and selling other holdings. The company has already sold Hod Lavan and Soltam.

Meanwhile Reuters yesterday reported, citing a source close to Koor, that the company intends to sell Middle East Tube Co., with Avrot being the preferred candidate to buy it.

Koor said that it following the sale of its holdings in Galilee Fruits, it will write a NIS 2m. loss in the third quarter. The company has already written a provision of NIS 35m. in the second quarter for this purpose.

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Stocks rose yesterday, tracking Wall Street's gains before the weekend, as Elbit Medical Imaging Ltd., surged after selling off two divisions for a higher-than-expected $375 million.

Elbit Medical soared 26.2 percent to NIS 40, helping the TA-100 Index climb 1.53% to 292.16. The Maof Index of Israel's 25 largest companies gained 1.61% to 297.87.

The maker of medical scanners said Friday it plans to sell a sophisticated computer X-ray, or tomography, division to a unit of General Electric Co. for $275m. Elbit Medical also sold its nuclear medicine unit for $100m.

"We were expecting them to sell Elscint [the owner of the units] for a very good price and that's what they've done," said Stephen Levey, an analyst at Robert Fleming. Still, he said, the transaction price was "a lot higher than expected."

Levey said he believes that Elbit Medical, which initially advanced 40%, will be worth NIS 70 following the transaction. Elbit Medical affiliate Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. jumped 8.7% to NIS 60.1.

Stocks also were buoyed by gains on US markets, where companies representing about 28% of the Tel Aviv exchange's market value are traded, traders said. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 2.3% on Friday.

Koor Industries Ltd. gained 2.6% to NIS 353. Israel's largest exporter said yesterday it agreed to sell a subsidiary that processes fruit and vegetables in return for NIS 68m. in bank debt.

Elbit Systems Ltd. rose 4.8% to NIS 48.1. The defense contractor said last week said the Romanian government authorized payment of $21m. to a joint venture owned by Elbit and Romania's state military company for the first phase of a training-jet upgrade.

Israel Chemicals Ltd. lost 2.3% to NIS 3.84. The maker of fertilizer crops was cut to "sell" from "hold" at Robert Fleming & Co.

(Bloomberg)

Ruble stabilization plan expected today

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russia's new government will present proposals for stabilizing the ruble today and have an economic program ready by the end of the week, First Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Maslyukov said yesterday.

"Concrete plans for stabilizing the ruble will be presented to the prime minister on Monday," Maslyukov, appointed by Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov to oversee the economy, told the radio station Ekho Moskvy. "There is no conscientiously worked out program for taking Russia out of the crisis. It will be ready by the end of next week."

Primakov, confirmed in his post by the State Duma (lower chamber of parliament), has still to make clear his economic policies. He and President Boris Yeltsin have pledged to stick to market reforms.

However, Maslyukov's appointment and that of Viktor Gerashchenko as central bank chairman have raised fears among some liberal politicians of a return to Soviet-style economics.

Maslyukov, a Communist, was once head of the Soviet state planning organization Gosplan, and Gerashchenko headed the central bank in the Soviet era and has indicated that he will use central bank credits to finance the budget.

Western economists and liberal Russian politicians have cautioned that printing rubles to meet urgent budget needs, such as paying wage and pension arrears, will lead to hyper-inflation.

Primakov told Russian NTV television that Maslyukov's appointment did not mean a return to Soviet-style policies.

"Maslukov will not be carrying out policies dictated to him by the Communist Party," he said.

In an interview with RTR television, Maslyukov said he stands for a change in course, but not an end to reforms.

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Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.9.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	4.1605	4.2277	—	—	4.1968
U.S. dollar	3.8271	3.8889	3.76	3.95	3.8600
German mark	2.2637	2.3003	2.22	2.34	2.2844
Pound sterling	6.4415	6.5454	6.33	6.64	6.5002
French franc	0.6755	0.6864	0.66	0.70	0.6809
Japanese yen (100)	2.9185	2.9656	2.86	3.01	2.9425
Dutch florin	2.0069	2.0393	1.97	2.07	2.0234
Swiss franc	2.7573	2.8018	2.71	2.85	2.7804
Swedish krona	0.4813	0.4891	0.47	0.50	0.4856
Norwegian krone	0.5056	0.5138	0.49	0.53	0.5102
Danish krone	0.5929	0.6025	0.58	0.62	0.5980
Finnish mark	0.7440	0.7561	0.73	0.77	0.7499
Canadian dollar	2.5320	2.5729	2.48	2.61	2.5544
Australian dollar	2.2942	2.3313	2.25	2.37	2.3139
S. African rand	0.6041	0.6139	0.54	0.62	0.6098
Belgian franc (10)	1.0970	1.1147	1.07	1.14	1.1068
Austrian schilling (10)	3.2183	3.2703	3.16	3.32	3.2452
Italian lira (1000)	2.2912	2.3282	2.25	2.37	2.3126
Jordanian dinar	5.3752	5.4619	5.28	5.67	5.4426
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.09	1.18	1.1580
ECU	4.4500	4.5218	—	—	4.4867
Irish punt	5.6688	5.7603	5.57	5.85	5.7174
Spanish peseta (100)	2.6638	2.7068	2.61	2.75	2.6867

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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TEL AVIV 100 LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	473	0
Africa Israel 0.1	19200	0
Africa Israel 1	190000	0
Agis	2390	1.3
Al Paper Mills	13450	1.1
Al-Rov	2380	0
Azorim	3040	3
Azorim Prop.	849	0
Bank Leumi 0.1	601	0.3
Baran	2640	-2.3
Bayside 1	44400	-0.5
Bayside 5	220000	0
Bezeq	1156	2.4
Blue Square	5080	-1.4
Bromine	2270	3.1
Clal Electronics	52000	3.1
Clal Industries	1916	3.7
Clal Insurance	3680	3.5
Clal Israel 1	9120	2.2
Dan Hotels	1138	0
Dankner	1970	-1
Darban	760	1.3
Dead Sea Works 0.1	808	-1.6
Delek 0.1	10600	0
Delek Car	650	-1.5
Development Mort	23000	2.2
Discount Bank	395	0
Discount Inv	10600	4.1
Elbit 0.003	1025	4.3
Elbit imaging	4000	20.8
Elbit system	4810	4.6
Elco	2210	-0.5
Elco Industries	3420	0.6
Electra	17610	1.5
Electra App	2760	-0.4
Elite Ind. 1	2390	0.4
Elite Ind. 5	10840	0.4
Elron 0.003	6010	8
FIBI 5	3160	5.7
First Int'l 1	425	1.2
First Int'l 5	2220	4.5
First Int'l Mort	51000	0
Formula	8950	-0.2
General Bank	9520	1.8
Grand Hacarmel	750	0
Hadarim Prop.	6500	0
Ham-Let	1957	0
Hapoalim 0.1	962	0
Harel Mishmar 1	3600	9.7
Harel Mishmar 5	15500	0.6
I.D.B. Dev.	9020	3.9
I.D.B. Holdings	9000	5
ILDC	1960	4.9
Ind Bldgs	559	-0.7
Israel Chemicals	384	-2.3
Israel Corp. 1	33000	0
Isrotel	658	0
Jafora	785	0
JCT	35	0
JEC	1750	-0.2
Kitan	368	0
Knafaim	5090	-1.2
Koor	35100	2
Leader	1157	0
Leumi Insurance	206	2.9
Leumi Mortgage	75600	-0.5
Liraz	3070	0
Makhteshim Agan Ind.	862	-2
Maman	680	0
Matav	4040	1
Mehadrin	13300	0
Mei Eden	1456	-2
Melissaron	1079	-1
Menorah Ins. 1	2140	0
Milomor	1510	-0.7
Mishkan	62000	0
Mizrahi Inv.	8890	-1.2
NATSVA REGULAR	1368	-3.1
Nice Systems	11840	4.5
Ocif	7500	-0.4
Ortat	907	0
Ormat Industries	467	2.6
Osem Industries	1813	4
Petrochemicals	2090	6.7
Phoenix Ins. 1	5950	0
Poalim Inv.	11250	4.9
Prop & Bldg	34100	2.1
Salt Industries	1940	1
Solel Bone	4270	2.6
Supersol	1109	2.5
Tadiran	11400	0.3
Tambour	500	0
Telehot	194000	1
Tempo	1850	0
Teva	14180	1.8
Urdan	236	2.1
Wire and Cables	1066	1.7
Ytong Industries	950	1.1

KARAM SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	382	0
Solomon Holdings	380	-2.6
Abjac	1.9	5.6
Abudi	47.1	0
Ace-Spade	82.6	0
Ackerstein Bond B	169.4	0
Ackerstein Ind.	540	0
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1780	-9.6
Ackerstein Zvi 5	8910	0
adakom	38.5	0
Adanim	347254	0
Adler	103	0
Adsha	136	0
Aduram	225	-2.2
Africa Hotels Bond B	99.5	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	55	3.6
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	138.3	0
Afcek Ind.	1084	0
Agis Warrant 3	15	0
Agis Warrant 4	400	0
Agish Int'l	310	0
Agn Investments	533	0
Al-Ben	123	0
Al-Ben Bond A	119	-0.4
Alhe c2	97.5	0
Alhe w6	126	0
Alliance	602	0
Alony	319	0
Alony-Hetz	446	-2.7
Alony-Hetz Bond A	256	0
Alrod	205	0
Alrod Warrant 1	5	-3.8
Alrov Bond D	83	0.6
Alrov Warrant 5	290	0
Alumir	222	0
Alumit	1358	-6
Amigar	180	0
Amlec	156	0
Ammel Warrant 1	40.5	-3.7
Amnat	635	2.4
Ampa Investments	126400	0
Analyst EMS	670	5.2
Angel Trade	31.1	-0.3
Angel Trade Bond A	148.5	0
Angel Trade Bond B	117	0
Angel Trade Bond C	59.5	4.4
Apcon	877	0
Apcon warrant 1	235	0
Applicom	3000	10.7
Aracell Warrant 2	404	0
Arad	1560	0
Arad Towels	1020	-0.5
Arazim	110	0
Arazim Bond 1	248	0
Argaman	230	0
Arladan	1080	0
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	118	-0.3
Ashkelon Plywood	511	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	251	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	125	-2
Ashlad	367	0
Ashlad Bond A	154	-0.3
Ashot	250	-2
Ashot Bond A	164	0
Ashpara	84	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	173	-0.3
Ashtrom Bond 2	154	0
Ashtrom Ind.	527	-0.2
Ashtrom Prop.	219	0
Astrom P Bond 1	94.9	0
Astrom p warrant a	30	0
Astrum Bond C	100.5	0
Astrum Warrent 2	45	0
Atlon	73	0
Atmor	1889	0
ATX	152	0
ATX Bond A	153.5	0
Azmon	203	0
Aura	3450	0
Avarot	362	0.6
Avarot Bond A	182	0
Averbuch Formica	510	0
Aviv	317	2.2
Aviv Bond 1	156	0
Aviv Bond 2	94	1
Avner	3.9	-5.1
Avrot Bond 2	83	0
Avrot Warrant 2	69	0
Ayalon	539	0
Azimuth	445	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	174.5	0
Azorim Warrant 13	490	6.1
Azorim Warrant 5	101.5	0
Azorim Warrant A	579	0
Azorim Warrant B	740	0
Badash Bond 1	28.8	0
Batit	309	0
Balentine 1	130	0.4
Balentine Bond A	129	0
Balentine Warrant 2	1	0
Balron	3500	0
Bama'asal	95	0
Bama'asal Bond A	148.3	0
Bar	297	0
Bar Bond A	132.5	0
Barad	239	0
Baranowitz	747	0
Berkan	581	0
Bersol	115	2.7
Bartal	259	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	91.9	0
BaySide Warrant D	2000	0
Beit Shemesh	1482	-1.9
Belmon	351	0
Ben Yakar Bond A	175	0
Ben Yakar Bond B	89	0
Ben Yakar Gal	3447	0
Berman	136	1.8
Bezek Bond 3	118	1.7
Bezek Bond 4	0	0
Bezek Warrant 3	0	0
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	282	3.5
Blu	2220	0
Blu Bond A	193	0
Binor	352	-0.8
Bin	230	-0.4
Bolos Bond B	65.5	-1.2
bolos gad warrant 1	40.1	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bonei Tichon	600	0
Bonjour	470	0
Boulous Brothers	170	5.9
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	264	0
Boulous GD Bond A	138.5	0
Brand	85.5	0
Brill	58.5	0
Brok Side	15.7	0
Brosh	136	0
Building Bank	1980	0
Building Resou.	3580	0
C Holdings	565	0
C Holdings Bond 5	71	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	0	0
Caesarea 1	5700	3.5
Caniel	3430	-1.2
Capital	844	2.8
Capital Bond A	125.6	-0.1
Caprice	357	0
Cargal	710	0
Carmel	565	0.9
Carmiel	436	0
Castro	573	-0.5
Catalena 1	381	10.1
CDI	150	-4.3
Cemantecal Bond A	70.1	-3.1
Comanical	360	5.6
Centre	120	0
Centre Bond 1	137	0
Chem	428	-0.2
Chayon Computers	141.5	0
Chemipal	322	-10.1
Chim-Nir	479	0
Cl Systems	144	0
Cidab	143.5	0
Clal Computers	7830	-0.4
Clal Israel 5	0	0
Clal Retail	54086	0
Cohen Beni	90	-27.8
Cohen Dev.	190	0
Cohen MM	138	0
Cold Storage 1	1880	0
Cold Storage 5	8710	1
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255	0
Compl	135	3.5
Compl Warrant 1	20	0
Compulite	189	0.5
Comtech	385	0
Combrans	729	0
Contal	949	0
Contractors	16770	0
Coral Beach	599	-0.5
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2530	0
Cyclone Bond 1	250	0
Cyclone Bond 2	157.5	-5.5
Dairon	1647	0
Dairon Bond 1	252	0
Dalin	1.2	-8.3
Dan Rent-A-Car	770	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	156	-1.9
Danbar 1	5500	9.1
Danbar 5	17000	-1.8
Danbar Bond A	266	0
Danbar Resources	7500	-1.3
Danbar Resources Bond B	170	0.9
Danbar Tech.	5350	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	157	0
Danel	56.8	9
Danel Bond A	90	-1.7
Danel Personnel	2010	-1.5
Danel Warrant 2	435	0
Dankner Bond 1	211	0.5
Dankner Bond 2	144	0
Dankner Bond 3	96.9	0.1
Dankner Warrant C	550	1.5
Danly	436	-0.9
Darad	111	-6
DARBAN BOND 2	104	0
Darban Bond A	250	-7.8
DARBAN W2	75	0
Darban Warrant 3	130	0
Darea	144	-0.3
Darlon	300	0
Dash Investment	895	0
Data	516	0
Decision Systems	418	-5.7
Degem Systems	434	4.4
Delek Drillings	15	-7.3
Delek Oil	1575	0
Delta 1	3430	1.5
Delta 3	0	0
Destiny	779	0
Digal	164.5	10
Dirom 1	1226	0
Dolev	300	-1
Dolev Bond A	139	0
Dolev warrant 1	38	0
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	153.5	0
Dor Berger	370	0
Dor Chim	369	0
Dorc w1	76	0
Dorea	56	0
Dorf c1	98.1	0
Dori Engineering	440	-0.9
Dori Engineering Bond A	139	-0.4
Dovrat Bond A	141.4	0
Dovrat Shrem	1330	5.3
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	0	0
DSL	974	1.8
Dubek M	2.5	0
Dubek S	2.3	0
Dunitz	298	0
DYG Industries	458	0
E & M Computing	1000	-2.3
Edgar Albani	52	-1
Edgar Industries	210	2.4
Edgar Inv. Bond C	87	0.1
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	22.5	11.1
Effar Bond A	98	0
Ein	148	0
Eilam	306	2
Elbman	2750	1.5
El Bad	1760	0
El Canit	544	0
El Canit Bond 1	158.5	0.6
Elad	500	7
Elad Bond A	172.5	0
Elad Bond B	150	-0.7
Elad c3	75.5	-0.7
Elad w5	29	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	127.9	2.3
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	0	0
Eldan Tech.	180	-11.1
Electronics Line	537	0
Elgar	5300	0
Elishav	498	-0.8
Eltech Ind.	745	-1.3
Elkam	300	0
Ella	354	0
Ella Bond A	144	0
Elran	3690	-3.3
Elron Warrant 2	0	0
Emak	136	0
Emyle	693	3.3
Engel Const.	700	-7
ESE	1700	0
Eshed Robotech	173	0
Even	399	0
Evergreen	3200	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1479	-4.8
Excelence	1647	0
Export Inv.	807	2.1
Extra	97.5	0
Feldman	187	0
Feldman Bond A	155	0
Feldman Ind.	250	-7.7
Feldman Warrant 3	13	0
Fertilisers 1	119	0
Feuchtwanger 1	9300	2.7
Feuchtwanger 5	45000	-2.2
Fidelit	2390	0
Five J Jewelers	346	0
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	132.5	0
Formica Source	114	0
Frutarom	374	1.1
Gahelet	14000	2.4
Galcom	208	5.8
Galran	1008	4.8
Gama	180	-0.6
Gamatronic	618	0
Gambit	2070	0
Gan ShmoelBond A	107.4	-2
Gan ShmoelWarrant 3	392	0.5
Gan Shmuel	1184	-0.9
Ganei Hadar	425	0
Gap Development	113.9	0
Gap Holdings	190	0
Gap Warrant 2	6	8.3
Gazit	640	-3
Gazit Bond B	155	0
Gazit Bond C	129	-0.2
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	89.1	0.1
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	638	0
Gibor Warrant 2	85	0
Gilboa	73	0
Gilo	190	0
Gitek	1735	0
Givot Olam Oil	150	0
Glob Rit	735	0
Golan	615	0
Gold	193.5	0
Golden House	405	0
Golden House Bond 1	248	0
Goles	218	-4.8
Granit Bond	159.8	4
Granit Bond 2	153.5	0.2
Green Software	278	0
Greenberg	1365	3.3
H. Electronics	45	0
H. Mer	800	0
Habas	2409	0
Habas Bond 1	131.5	0
Hadar 1	28800	0
Hadar 5	82500	0
Hadar Ins. 1	863	-3.1
Hadar Ins. 5	3700	0
Hadarim Bond1	115	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1010	0
Hagai	370	0
Hagai Bond B	152	0
Hamakor	214	0
Hanal	6.2	1.6
Harel Bond A	480	0
Hasin Esh	650	0
Hason	182.5	0
Hatahof 1	270	0
Hatahof Bond A	144.4	0
Hayal	1161	-0.5
Hayal Bond1	0	0
Hayal Bond2	145	0
Hayal Warrant 1	82	0
Hed Arzi Music	311	0
Hiron 1	11390	0
Hiron 5	40600	0
HL Service Bond 2	181	-4.1
HL Service Bond 3	152	0
HL Services	1517	0
Hod	135	0
Hof	694	0
Hofit	140.5	-0.4
Home Center	6770	1
Hydrotecs	112	-2.2
IES Industries	437	0
IES Warrant 1	50	0
Ilan Gal	115	0
Ilan Gal Bond A	147	0
ILDC Bond 5	262	0
ILDC Hotels	445	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	173	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	118.2	12.9
ILDC Insurance	423	0
ILDC Insurance Bond A	137.9	-0.4
Imco	890	-4.5
Ind Bld Warrant 3	32.5	0
Ind Bldgs R1	16	8
Ind.DevBank C	321	0.3
Ind.DevBank CC	3150	0
Ind.DevBank CC 1	3150	0

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Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1620	3.7
Independence Mort	80200	0
Intercosma	788	10.1
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	12370	9.1
Iscal	1600	0
Ispro	4100	0
Isracolor	265	0
Israel Corp. 5	146900	0
Israel Lighterage Bond 3	139	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	179.6	0
Isralom	869	0
Isralom Bond B	265	0
Isralom Bond C	87.1	5.9
Isramco	2.4	-4.2
Isras 1	7190	0
Isras 5	28500	0
Isras Bond A	260	0
ISTA LINES	2250	0
Itay	2680	0
Itay Bond 1	73.9	-0.9
Itay Warrant 1	336	0
Itay Warrant 2	0	0
Jafora Bond A	170	0
Jaysour	113.5	0
Jaysour Bond A	107	0
JEC Bond B	93.5	0
Jerusalem Mort	192	-4.7
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	182.7	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	83	-5.4
JOEL Bond 1A	225	1.3
JOEL Bond 2	127.6	0
JOEL Bond A	223	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	23.1
Kadmani	129	-3.9
Kadouri	396	7.6
kalrice bond b	89.2	0.2
kalrice warrant 1	84.5	0
Katrit	1383	0
Kalkalit Bond A	96	-0.7
Kalkalit warrant 2	260	0
Kamour	480	0
Kamour Bond G	134.2	0
Kamsept	980	0
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30.7	0
Kanicol Bond A	38.9	0
Kardan 1	497	2
Kardan 5	2200	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3880	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	325	0
Kesher	750	0
Kesher Bond A	155	0
Keter	665	0
Kind	16.6	-0.6
Kind Bond A	43	0
King	283	0
Kinneret	175	-0.6
Kisch Kirur	175	0
Kishrei Teufa	1100	0
Kital	214	-3.3
Kital Bond A	155.7	0
Kital Bond A	113.5	0
Kill Ind. 5	7020	0.6
Koor Bond 5	145.5	0.3
Kopel	249	-0.4
Kopel Bond 1	247	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	120	0
Lachish	2700	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	77.5	0
Lasers	355	7.3
Laviav	551	0
Laznick Bldg	460	2.2
Laznick Comm Ctrs	153	-1
Laznick Commercial Centres Bond	136	0
Laznick Ind Bldgs	287	-10.8
Laznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	142	0
Leader Warrant B	0	0
Lego	470	0
Leumi R4	0	0
Leventhal	404	0
Levi	600	-10
Levi Bond A	142	0
Levi Bond B	89	0
Levi Warrant 2	61.1	-19.5
Levinstain Bond A	96.9	0
Levinstain Warrant 2	707	0
Levinstein	1540	0
Liber	330	0
Lidan	1480	4.7
Lilshir 1	166	0
Lilshir 5	650	0
Ligad	678	0
Ligad Bond 1	150	0
Lighterage 1	600	0
LIMS	245	0
Lipman	2590	7.3
Lipski	2520	0
Lipski Bond A	170.5	0
Liraz Bond A	145	5.1
Lodan	120	0
Lodzia 1	1300	0
Lodzia 4	5320	-1.1
Luhot Galil	30.9	-0.6
Luhot Galil Bond 1	132	0
Lumir	3450	0
Ma'ariv	2770	0
Ma'ariv Bond A	134.4	-0.6
Maabarot	1270	0
Macpell	489	5.5
Macpell Bond A	141	0
Macpell Bond B	124	-1
Macpell Bond C	119	-0.5
Macpell Warrant 3	36.8	0
Mafil	660	-3.8
Magam	121.5	0
Magam Bond A	169	0
Magam Bond B	131.5	0
Magav	157	0
Magma	40.6	-0.5
Magor 1	2070	0
Magor 5	9300	-2.2
Magor hldgs. Bond B	82	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	552	0
Malal	300	7
Mall	105.9	0
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malta	690	0
Man	77	0
Man Bond A	216	0
Mantur	25.1	0.8
Marathon	93	-0.9
Marathon insured	99.6	0.4
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 1	169.4	0
Mario Laznick Constr. Bond 2	149.7	0
Maritime Bank	1338	1.9
Maritime Bank Bond A	202	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	143	0
Mashav	880	0
Mashbir	620	-0.8
Mashov	362	4.4
Mashov	148	-2.3
Matam	1428	0
Matav Warrant 1	1000	0
Maxima 1	404	0
Maxima 5	1630	0
Mazpak	760	2.8
Med. Hotels	27	0
Meditechnica	655	-0.8
Meditechnica Bond A	136.8	0.1
Meditechnica Bond B	85.3	0
Meditechnica Warrant 2	120	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	48.2	-11
Megason	67.5	0
Meirad	436	8.9
Meir Ezra	2030	0
Meir Ezra Bond B	258	1.9
Melet	295	0
Melissaron Bond B	92.7	0.3
Melissaron Warrant 3	40.2	0
Mendelson	170	1.5
Menofim	36.4	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8290	0
Mercazit	865	-0.6
Merhav	155.2	-3.1
Meytavit	191	-2.1
Middle East Tube	320	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	112	-0.4
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	17	88.2
Milomor Bond A	139	0
Milomor Bond B	84	-0.6
Milomar Warrant 2	151	4
Mimsar	90	0
Mini Line	515	0
Minrav	12400	-0.8
Mirage	206	0
Mirage Bond A	135	0
Mirage Warrant 1	13	0
Miromit	60	0
Mishmael	19	0
Mishmael Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	143.8	2.2
Mishor Hahof	363	0
Miterani	188	0
Mivtach Shamir	2150	2.8
Mivtach Shamir	1190	0
Mizrahi	853	0.6
Mizrahi warrant 1	270	2.6
Mizrahi warrant 2	151.3	5.5
MM Engineering	112	0
MM Engineering Bond A	78	-1.3
Modgal	600	-4.2
Modfin	1	0
Motlet	196.6	0.3
Motlet Convertible Bond AAA	302	0
Molett	990	0
More Plastic Ind.	348	0
Moshkovitz	160	0
MTI Computers	422	0
Mul-T-Lock	764	0
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachshon Fund	44.9	0
Naphtha	33.7	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	27	-3.7
Nalbur	720	0
NATSVA BOND A	105	0
Navigator	340	0
Navigator Property	744	0
Nechushtan Bond B	75	0
Nechushtan Prop.	193	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	138	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	29.9	0
Negev Ceramics	152.5	0
Nehushtan 1	600	0
Nehushtan 5	2500	0
Neot Aviv	7600	0
Nesua	460	0
Neve Arbel	181	0
Nevim Hotels	342	-0.6
Neviot	600	0
Nla	228	-0.4
Nikuv	945	0
Nisco	2730	6.2
Nissan	240	0
NMC	220	0
Noga	1500	0
Noga Insorans	108	0
Nordan	13	0
Nordan Tech.	380	0
Norlalk	850	0
Norlalk Bond A	148	0
Nur	63	0
NYP	991	0
Oceana	299	0
Ocif Bond A	177.3	0
Ocif Bond C	90.3	-0.2
Ocif Warrant 2	720	0
Octava	564	0
Ofek	210	0
Ofer Bro.	5390	0
Oflis	1080	0
Ogden	61	0
Ohalilav	460	0
Oil Fields	1.2	0

	LAST	CHANGE*
Oil-Dok	260	0
Omni	253	0
Omnitech	192.5	0
Ophir	350	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	130	0
Orasys	2737	0
Orazit	373	0
Orazit Bond A	162.6	0
Orda	3490	0
Orda Bond 1	181	0
Oriav	793	0
Oriell	120	0
Orlite	260	0
Orlite Bond A	94	0
Orlite Warrant 2	32	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	134	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	126.1	-4.7
Ortal	360	0
Otzar Hashilton	26000	4.2
Oz	200	0
Oz alide	427	0
Paclar Steel	5200	0
Paltough	579	-0.2
PAM	465	-0.8
Pama	898	0
Pamas	2110	-1.9
Pan Dor	271	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	92.5	-4.5
Passport	2500	0
Paz Chen	365	0
PCB	1238	-0.8
Pdan Investment	56	-0.9
Pereg	122	0
Pericles	726	0.4
Phoenix Ins. 5	20000	0
Pica Plast	435	0
Piniros	126	-1.9
Piros Bond A	144.5	0
Pladot	415	0
Plason bond a	101.5	0
Plason warrant 1	368	0
Plasson	3920	0
Plasto Sac	649	-0.3
Plasto Shack Bond A	86.1	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	109	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	84.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2340	-11.1
Poalim Investments Bond A	198.5	0
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	1760	0.6
Polak	218	0.5
Polgat A	302	0.7
Polgat B 4	1154	-1.4
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	203	0
Polygon Bond 2	220	0
Poraz	220	0
Port	72	0
Poseidon	108.9	4.6
Pri Haemek	18.2	-0.6
Pri Haemek Bond A	27.7	0
Pritzker	208	0
Pritzker Bond A	142	0
Profit	306	0
Profit Bond A	133	0
Python	468	0
Quality Cap Mkts	560	0
Rabintex	270	0
Ram Zur	74.2	0.9
Ramgor 1	270	0
Ramgor 4	685	0
Rapak	2410	1.7
Rapak Bond A	157	0
Rassco	1461	-0.3
Ratio	1	0
Rav Car	110	0
Ravad	150	-3.2
RDC	1100	0
RDC Bond A	144.2	0
Red Sea Hotels	740	0
Regency	107.5	0
Regency Bond 1	122	-0.3
Regent	430	1.2
Regent Bond A	141	0
Rekah	440	0
Reshef	52.5	-2.8
Reshef Bond B	110	0
Rimoni	819	8.4
Rogozin	1167	2.5
Rogozin Bond A	84.2	0
Rogozin Warrant B	289	-18.7
Romtech	382	0
Rosebud	82	0
Rosental	117.5	-0.4
Rotem	377	0
Rotshtein	141	0
Rotshtein Bond A	139.5	0
RSL	657	-2
Sadot Mop Bond A	97.5	0
Sahar Bond a	96.6	0
Sahar Dev.	2800	0
Sahar Securities	614	0
Sahar Warrant 1	320	0
Santacol	287	0
Sano 1	1970	0
Sano 5	10210	0
Scope	1270	2.4
Scope Bond A	94	0
Scope Warrant 2	219	0
Sea Trade	551	0
Secom	270	1.9
Securitas	880	-2
Securitas Bond A	177.5	0.6
Selen	1199	0
Serafon	399	-0.5
Shaked	323	0
Shamir	265	-0.4
Shaliyah	1199	-1.8
Shel	300	0
Shekel	141	0
Shekel Bond A	149.5	0
Shekem	77.5	2.1
Shekem Barkan Bond 4	157	0
Shekem Bond 1	142.1	0
Shekem Warrant 1	1	0
Sheleg	105.5	0
Shem Tov	283	0
Shemen	1680	0
Shemen Bond A	167.5	0
Shfadot	57.5	0
Shlomo Angel	5773	0
Shmi c2	85.1	0
Shmi w2	205	-2.4
Shmira	650	6.5
Shmira Bond A	145.3	0
Shniv	564	0.5
Shova	292	-1.4
Shtang	114	0
Shulamit	322	5.6
Shulamit Bond A	145	0
Sinai	414	-0.2
Sinai Bond A	143	0
Solel Bone Bond A	109.4	-1
Solt BoneR1	475	0
Solog	790	0
Solomon	418	-3
solomon bond a	78.9	0
solomon warrant 2	68	0
South Pipe	394	0
Spencrit	270	0
Spectronix 1	1300	5.4
STG	1169	0
STG Bond A	112.5	0
Sunirost	4400	11.4
Suny Electronics	560	7.5
Synopsis	207	-11.1
Synopsis Bond A	150.4	0
Syntec	391	-2.3
Ta'al	228	0
Tachof Bond B	87	2.3
Tachof Warrant 3	75	0
Tadbik	249	0
Tadiran Appl	521	-0.6
Talam	1720	1.7
Tal	170.1	0
Tal Bond A	78	-0.7
TAP Bond 1	276	0
Tashloz bond a	130	0
Tashloz warrant 2	288	0
Tashluz	1157	0
Tashluz Bond A	157.8	-0.1
Tashluz Bond B	130.8	0
Tashluz Prop.	1049	0
Tashluz Warrant 2	0	0
Taste of Israel	179.5	0
TAT 1	290	-8.6
TAT 5	1334	3.3
TAT Bond A	250	0
Taya	740	0
Taya Comm. 1	239	0
Team Computers	4870	0
Technoplast	490	2.9
Technoplast Warrant 2	605	0
Tedea	1600	-2.5
Tedea Bond A	109	-0.5
Tedea Warrant 1	292	0
Telshot Preferred	195700	0
Telen	1100	-9.1
Teldor	572	0
Telsis	1475	0
Telsis Warrant 1	286	0
Tene	205	-0.5
Teuza	200	0.5
Teuza insured	203	1.5
Tibon Veal	165	0
Tim Warrant 3	620	0
Tiv	419	2.9
TMM	117	0
Tobas	2230	-0.4
Tom	876	8.7
Topline	560	0
Topline Bond 2	155	0
Topper	26.9	0
Topper Bond 1	63.5	0
Tosaf Compounds	345	0
Trade	384	0
Trade Bond A	198.8	0
Trend Line	1450	0
Trocadero	19	3.8
Trydikal	367	0
Tsabar	170	0
Tsartel	580	0
Tsartel Bond A	149	0
Tsur	164	2.8
Tsur Bond A	251	0
Tsur Bond B	119.9	0
Tsur Bond C	98.1	0.2
Tsur Preferred	170	0
Tuttanauer	1028	-3.1
Tzmicha	520	0
Tzmicha Bond A	187	0
Ulitski	38	0
Unibar 1	754	0
Unibar 5	784	0
Unico	3367	0
Unicom 1	55	3.8
Unicom Bond 1	230	0
Unidress	1730	0
United Steel	117	0
United Steel Industries Bond 1	158.3	0
Univercol	336	0
Urdan Warrnt 5	115	0
Urpe Israel	2750	1.1
Vardinon	23000	0
Vardinon Bond A	153	-0.8
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	151.5	0
Videomatrix	29.3	0
Vilar	410	0
Vilar Bond 1	152.5	0
Vill Food	1500	0
Villager Bond A	143	0
Vitalgo	369	-1.4
Vitalgo Bond A	129.2	0
Vulcan	443	0
Vulcan Bond 1	233	0
Will Bond A	87	0.8
Will Warrant 1	400	0
Woolman 1	540	-10.9
Woolman 5	2900	0
Woolson	65800	0
Ya'ana	585	0
Yaacobi	137.5	0
Yaad Bond A	171.5	0
Yaad Bond B	85.8	0
Yaad Industries	322	0
Yaad Warrant 3	39.1	0
Yad	426	1.2
Yamit	186	0
Yarden	455	7.5
Yarden Bond 2	132.3	0
YDPZ	248	0
YDPZ Bond A	152.5	0
Yeda	1375	-0.4
Yehuda	206	0
Yesh Gad	38.7	0
Yhsal	1499	11.3
Yhshal Warrant 1	315	0
Yona Bond A	156.1	0.1
Yona Hotels	200	0
Yozma	437	0
Yuval	122	0
Zahir	565	0
Zanes Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	90	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	67	0
Zai	113	0
Zehavi	144	0
Zeller Ablagon	409	-5.1
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	146.5	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	126	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	64	0
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	2.8	8.3
Zika 1	737	0
Zika 5	3050	0
Zikit 1	4750	0
Zikit 5	20200	0
Zionomatal	590	0
Zion Cables 1	240	6
Zion Holdings	14722	0
Zion Textiles	187.4	0.5
Zix	386	8.8
Zohar	238	0
Zoko	248	-2.4

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
New York	3.88	1217	564	421	972	14	46
Boston	4.24	1260	606	457	911	8	47
Tampa Bay	4.32	1272	622	577	906	6	27
Toronto	4.35	1310	643	540	1032	11	42
Cleveland	4.43	1394	647	518	925	4	40
Anaheim	4.44	1334	643	560	982	5	48
Minnesota	4.65	1452	672	404	829	6	39
Baltimore	4.68	1343	673	480	952	9	34
Oakland	4.77	1386	686	484	818	4	35
Seattle	4.98	1398	714	480	1035	6	27
Texas	5.03	1470	723	463	894	8	43
Kansas City	5.07	1446	735	525	911	5	41
Detroit	5.08	1429	736	538	835	3	26
Chicago	5.27	1413	757	537	821	3	37

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 14 decisions

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Clemens Tor	211	151	79	234	18	6	2.69
PMartinez Bos	213	171	61	227	18	5	2.74
Rogers Oak	219	194	61	124	14	7	3.03
DWells NYY	198	172	25	151	17	3	3.27
CFinley Ana	210	197	97	199	11	7	3.34
Mussina Bal	177	161	31	156	13	8	3.45
Cone NYY	188	160	53	185	19	5	3.49
Moyer Sea	212	213	40	141	13	8	3.52
Colon Cle	188	184	75	143	13	8	3.64
Arrojo TB	193	190	61	148	13	12	3.67
Moehler Det	201	202	54	111	12	13	3.93
Belcher KC	208	217	65	117	12	12	3.98
Saberhagen Bos	157	164	25	93	13	7	4.00
Olivares Ana	166	168	84	101	8	8	4.00
JThompson Det	206	207	72	136	10	14	4.02
Erickson Bal	229	257	64	169	15	11	4.04
Tewksbury Min	132	148	15	53	7	10	4.09
Radke Min	195	217	40	131	11	13	4.09
Fassero Sea	203	206	63	154	11	12	4.17
Saunders TB	180	179	102	162	5	14	4.18
Burba Cle	179	186	65	118	13	9	4.22
Pettitte NYY	200	209	84	136	16	9	4.22
Sele Tex	196	217	71	158	18	10	4.26
Guzman Bal	194	175	87	153	10	14	4.31
Rosado KC	156	160	53	123	7	11	4.31
RJohnson Sea	160	146	60	213	9	10	4.33
Helling Tex	199	191	73	155	18	7	4.39
Irabu NYY	155	138	72	111	11	9	4.41
WWilliams Tor	189	181	71	135	10	8	4.51
WAlvarez TB	125	113	62	88	6	13	4.54
Candiotti Oak	195	211	60	95	11	15	4.57
Carpenter Tor	152	158	57	122	10	7	4.66
Wakefield Bos	198	193	75	134	15	8	4.71
Haynes Oak	181	207	81	127	10	8	4.86
JrWright Cle	173	192	78	124	11	9	4.92
KHill Ana	93	112	43	53	9	5	5.03
Hawkins Min	172	202	58	91	7	14	5.12
Pichardo KC	112	126	43	55	7	8	5.13
Florie Det	114	127	53	81	7	9	5.13
Avery Bos	108	113	55	47	9	6	5.15
Hentgen Tor	177	208	69	94	12	11	5.17
Nagy Cle	194	230	63	109	13	10	5.24
Rapp KC	177	197	101	124	11	12	5.27
Ponson Bal	123	142	40	79	7	8	5.40
Sirotka ChW	189	236	42	111	12	14	5.42
Baldwin ChW	136	157	50	93	10	5	5.47
Milton Min	149	167	60	88	7	11	5.60
DSpringer TB	104	114	53	39	3	11	5.71
Swift Sea	144	183	51	77	11	9	5.85
Burkett Tex	179	224	45	123	7	13	6.08
Navarro ChW	164	207	75	66	8	15	6.13
Rusch KC	145	185	50	85	6	15	6.14
Dickson Ana	116	145	41	57	9	10	6.36
Oquist Oak	157	192	50	98	7	10	6.45
Cloude Sea	143	173	77	102	8	10	6.55
Drabek Bal	106	135	28	52	6	11	7.19

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Texas	5120	847	1480	175	805	.289
New York	5072	879	1461	189	825	.288
Boston	5031	793	1416	188	746	.281
Anaheim	5083	731	1402	137	685	.275
Seattle	5079	770	1392	218	737	.274
Cleveland	5049	767	1383	174	733	.273
Baltimore	5019	752	1373	196	721	.273
Chicago	5004	756	1345	177	704	.268
Minnesota	5066	665	1354	101	624	.267
Toronto	5059	751	1349	198	712	.266
Detroit	5103	638	1343	140	610	.263
Tampa Bay	4962	549	1299	101	514	.261
Kansas City	5036	632	1316	123	604	.261
Oakland	4945	729	1277	134	688	.258

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 350 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
BWilliams NYY	446	92	152	24	91	.341
MVaughn Bos	538	98	179	35	97	.333
Djeter NYY	563	118	185	19	77	.329
IRodriguez Tex	526	78	172	17	81	.327
EDavis Bal	407	77	132	27	78	.324
Garciaparra Bos	540	97	174	31	111	.322
TWalker Min	477	78	153	11	57	.321
O'Neill NYY	560	93	179	23	109	.320
Belle ChW	551	102	175	45	132	.318
JuGonzalez Tex	545	98	172	41	149	.316
TFernandez Tor	439	65	138	7	60	.314
Offerman KC	562	90	175	6	59	.311
HMorris KC	435	45	134	1	39	.308
Caruso ChW	476	72	146	5	48	.307
Edmonds Ana	537	105	165	21	79	.307
Greer Tex	539	98	165	13	96	.306
Stairs Oak	464	81	142	24	99	.306
Segui Sea	510	79	156	19	82	.306
EMartinez Sea	498	77	152	26	92	.305
GAnderson Ana	562	58	171	14	75	.304
ARodriguez Sea	625	112	190	39	114	.304
WClark Tex	514	91	156	22	97	.304
Erstad Ana	522	84	158	19	79	.303
Thome Cle	399	82	121	29	82	.303
Salmon Ana	413	78	124	25	80	.300
Brosius NYY	479	81	143	17	87	.299
CDelgado Tor	479	83	142	31	103	.296
MRamirez Cle	521	95	154	36	122	.296
RPalmeiro Bal	567	92	168	42	116	.296
Giambi Oak	511	80	149	23	97	.292
TGoodwin Tex	471	95	137	2	28	.291
MOrdonez ChW	486	65	141	14	64	.290
McCracken TB	549	66	159	7	56	.290
DiSarcina Ana	498	68	144	3	54	.289
TMartinez NYY	493	84	142	25	114	.288
Fryman Cle	511	69	147	25	90	.288
Griffey Jr Sea	575	109	165	50	126	.287
Nixon Min	411	63	118	1	19	.287
ToClark Det	546	75	156	31	91	.286
Higginson Det	563	84	161	22	77	.286
Grieve Oak	537	86	153	15	78	.285
Bragg Bos	369	49	105	8	51	.285
Raines NYY	310	51	88	5	44	.284
Durham ChW	575	110	163	16	57	.283
Lawton Min	500	84	141	18	70	.282
Justice Cle	497	86	140	17	77	.282
RAlomar Bal	521	79	147	13	54	.282
Vizquel Cle	534	79	150	2	46	.281
Hatteberg Bos	329	46	92	12	39	.280
Palmer KC	522	79	146	33	105	.280
SGreen Tor	570	98	159	32	90	.279
Lofton Cle	565	94	157	12	63	.278
Fletcher Tor	370	33	103	8	50	.278
Surhoff Bal	521	71	145	17	82	.278
Boggs TB	395	47	110	6	42	.278
Stewart Tor	451	80	125	9	47	.277
Molitor Min	451	65	125	3	61	.277
Giles Cle	304	53	84	16	64	.276
JCora Cle	550	102	152	6	29	.276
CRipken Bal	547	61	151	13	58	.276
Cairo TB	455	43	125	5	40	.275
RCoomer Min	480	51	132	14	63	.275
Damon KC	585	90	160	14	50	.274
Easley Det	537	74	147	22	88	.274
Benjamin Bos	325	44	89	4	36	.274
Posada NYY	316	50	86	16	60	.272
McGriff TB	505	61	137	17	73	.271
Spiezio Oak	360	52	97	9	50	.269
O'Leary Bos	558	87	150	23	79	.269
Meares Min	504	54	133	8	63	.264
JKing KC	450	76	119	22	83	.264
RDavis Sea	452	59	119	19	77	.263
LGonzalez Det	505	76	133	20	63	.263
Knoblauch NYY	549	107	144	17	61	.262
FThomas ChW	526	96	138	26	96	.262
McLemore Tex	412	76	108	5	50	.262
DCruz Det	406	46	106	5	37	.261
DLewis Bos	536	81	140	7	61	.261
DaBell Sea	366	39	95	10	42	.260
Bordick Bal	421	54	109	11	43	.259
MCordova Min	414	51	107	10	67	.258
JnValentin Bos	534	106	137	21	64	.257
Stanley Bos	469	70	120	29	77	.256
Ventura ChW	533	77	136	19	77	.255
JoCruz Tor	299	46	76	9	38	.254
BLHunter Det	555	63	141	4	34	.254
Randa Det	407	50	102	6	41	.251
AGonzalez Tor	519	66	129	12	49	.249
Steinbach Min	389	41	96	13	52	.247
Curtis NYY	427	74	105	9	52	.246
Gates Min	316	29	77	2	37	.244
DvHollins Ana	363	60	88	11	39	.242
Blowers Oak	382	54	92	11	69	.241
Canseco Tor	520	92	125	42	99	.240
ByAnderson Bal	426	77	101	16	49	.237
SAlomar Cle	384	43	90	6	43	.234
Fielder Cle	414	49	96	17	68	.232
Henderson Oak	495	91	113	12	52	.228
Sorrento TB	399	38	90	16	51	.226
Sprague Oak	460	57	102	20	57	.222
Stocker TB	336	37	70	6	25	.208
Cameron ChW	377	50	78	7	40	.207

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	ER	BB	SO	Sh	Sv
Atlanta	3.41	1195	498	422	1123	17	39
Houston	3.52	1316	524	422	1059	10	41
San Diego	3.64	1275	537	455	1098	11	54
Pittsburgh	3.68	1277	539	458	1024	10	40
New York	3.75	1260	554	480	1025	14	41
Los Angeles	3.81	1214	561	534	1069	8	41
San Francisco	4.20	1311	623	521	970	6	39
St. Louis	4.40	1388	653	518	871	8	37
Montreal	4.41	1334	641	490	929	4	33
Chicago	4.43	1378	661	532	1108	7	51
Milwaukee	4.55	1407	673	502	982	1	37
Cincinnati	4.60	1301	672	534	1004	7	35
Philadelphia	4.67	1354	690	482	1079	10	28
Arizona	4.68	1353	679	449	841	4	34
Colorado	5.04	1455	739	519	880	3	31
Florida	5.30	1487	780	659	916	2	21

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING
Based on 14 decisions

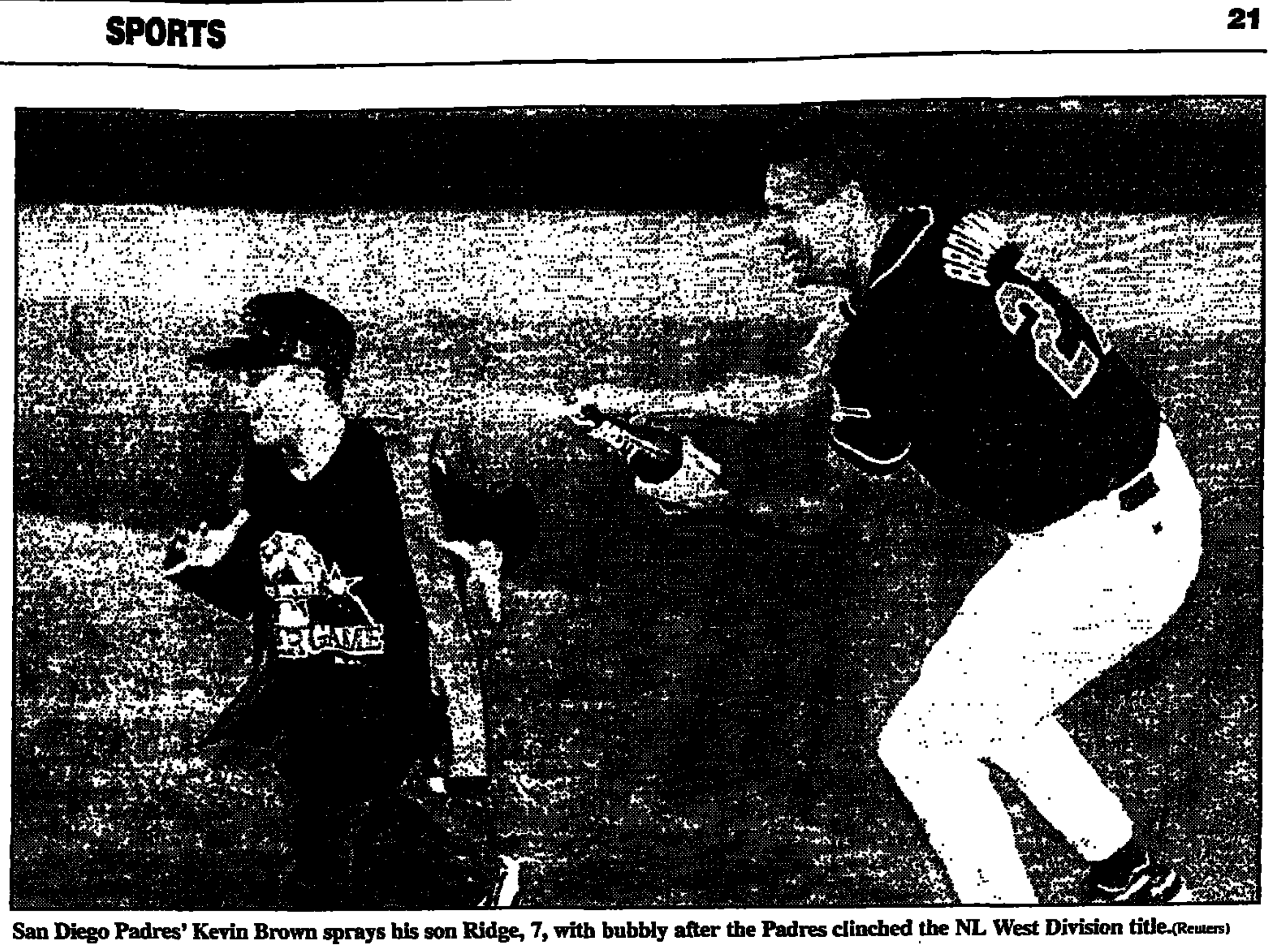
	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
GMaddux Atl	232	185	37	188	17	8	2.20
KBrown SD	236	207	48	238	18	6	2.36
ALeiter NYM	172	134	61	155	15	5	2.40
Glavine Atl	209	183	68	142	18	6	2.62
Bohanon LA	134	108	52	95	6	10	2.81
Daal Ari	141	132	45	121	7	10	2.92
Hermanson Mon	170	147	52	136	13	10	2.95
Smoltz Atl	156	141	42	160	15	3	3.10
Wickman Mil	79	74	30	70	6	8	3.19
FCordova Pit	200	184	62	143	12	12	3.23
Schilling Phi	243	216	57	272	14	13	3.25
RReed NYM	195	187	26	145	16	9	3.28
Harnisch Cin	189	158	62	146	12	6	3.29
Ashby SD	214	208	56	141	16	8	3.32
Wood ChC	166	117	85	233	13	6	3.40
Stottlemyre StL	161	146	51	147	9	9	3.51
Peters Pit	135	132	50	95	8	9	3.52
Hampton Hou	192	210	72	124	11	6	3.55
Lima Hou	213	208	31	155	15	7	3.59
Telemaco Ari	132	135	40	70	6	9	3.61
Neagle Atl	202	192	58	159	14	11	3.69
Reynolds Hou	212	233	53	190	18	8	3.72
Bergman Hou	160	176	39	90	12	7	3.76
IValdes LA	155	149	55	108	10	9	3.82
Park LA	197	178	90	170	13	8	3.87
Schmidt Pit	195	207	60	146	11	11	3.87
CPerez LA	216	227	57	107	9	13	3.87
Lieber Pit	166	171	37	136	8	13	3.90
Hitchcock SD	164	159	44	149	9	6	3.95
Dreifort LA	180	171	57	168	8	12	4.00
BJones NYM	180	183	47	107	9	8	4.19
Woodard Mil	146	154	29	120	9	11	4.19
Rueter SF	171	172	54	94	15	9	4.20
Karl Mil	177	197	63	93	9	9	4.21
TAdams ChC	72	70	41	72	7	7	4.25
Millwood Atl	161	160	53	150	15	8	4.34
Trachsel ChC	185	183	74	132	14	8	4.36
JHamilton SD	200	202	98	131	13	12	4.36
AnBenes Ari	208	212	65	148	12	13	4.41
Gomes Phi	87	89	28	83	9	6	4.41
BnAnderson Ari	184	196	23	87	11	12	4.44
Hershiser SF	183	180	77	112	9	10	4.46
Mlicki LA	165	174	57	103	8	7	4.53
Tomko Cin	190	181	60	144	12	11	4.53
Gardner SF	183	181	57	126	12	5	4.66
JSanchez Fla	150	162	78	107	6	8	4.68
Tapani ChC	199	218	56	125	18	7	4.70
TGreen Phi	144	125	71	107	6	10	4.79
Estes SF	135	137	73	120	7	10	4.80
Woodall Mil	127	134	46	83	7	8	4.81
Remlinger Cin	152	154	85	135	7	15	4.84
MClark ChC	194	218	43	148	8	13	4.87
LHernandez Fla	212	243	94	150	10	11	4.87
Thomson Col	143	157	41	96	8	10	4.89
Nomo NYM	153	127	94	164	6	12	5.05
Mercker StL	154	191	53	67	10	11	5.18
Meadows Fla	156	202	39	76	10	11	5.19
Blair NYM	168	185	59	86	4	16	5.20
Darwin SF	147	173	48	81	8	10	5.25
JeGonzalez ChC	110	124	41	70	7	7	5.32
Kile Col	207	234	92	143	11	16	5.34
BMJones Col	134	146	63	102	7	7	5.43
Juden Mil	138	149	66	109	7	11	5.53
JmWright Col	188	212	87	78	9	12	5.69
Vazquez Mon	155	175	63	131	4	14	6.13
Astacio Col	187	223	68	154	11	14	6.58

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
Colorado	5194	771	1527	169	741	.293
Houston	5145	825	1449	157	770	.281
San Francisco	5074	746	1380	136	704	.271
Atlanta	5027	757	1363	199	729	.271
Chicago	5113	754	1353	189	716	.264
Philadelphia	5096	645	1339	117	610	.262
Cincinnati	5045	689	1326	123	663	.262
New York	5012	653	1305	125	622	.260
Milwaukee	5040	648	1306	139	618	.259
Pittsburgh	4976	612	1285	99	576	.258
St. Louis	5097	727	1311	197	702	.257
San Diego	5029	707	1286	155	673	.255
Los Angeles	5023	624	1274	149	592	.253
Florida	5086	623	1272	106	580	.250
Montreal	4961	585	1235	134	548	.248
Arizona	5003	599	1228	145	559	.245

INDIVIDUAL BATTING
Based on 350 plate appearances

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Avg
LWalker Col	429	106	153	22	64	.357
Olerud NYM	510	82	175	19	83	.343
Bichette Col	615	91	208	21	119	.338
Kendall Pit	494	90	164	12	74	.332
Castilla Col	594	102	196	43	136	.330
Cirillo Mil	543	91	178	12	62	.328
Piazza NYM	512	80	168	30	100	.328
Biggio Hou	595	119	195	20	83	.328
Gwynn SD	411	61	134	13	63	.326
VGuerrero Mon	570	101	185	36	103	.325
Helton Col	495	71	159	22	89	.321
Loretta Mil	383	51	123	5	47	.321
MaGrace ChC	535	86	170	15	81	.318
Alou Hou	537	100	169	38	122	.315
DeBell Hou	582	105	183	20	103	.314
BJordan StL	517	86	161	23	84	.311
Sosa ChC	582	117	181	59	142	.311
DHamilton Col	515	92	160	6	49	.311
Vina Mil	575	96	178	7	39	.310
ChJones Atl	559	114	173	32	101	.309
DYoung Cin	492	73	151	14	80	.307
Abreu Phi	451	54	138	12	62	.306
Galarraga Atl	515	99	157	43	115	.305
Everett Hou	428	68	130	13	71	.304
Burks SF	479	75	145	21	76	.303
Sheffield LA	437	73	132	22	85	.302
BLarkin Cin	510	89	154	15	69	.302
Morandini ChC	521	85	157	7	48	.301
Joyner SD	405	55	122	11	76	.301
RWhite Mon	357	54	107	17	58	.300
BBrown ChC	340	56	101	14	48	.297
Bonds SF	492	103	146	32	107	.297
Mueller SF	482	85	142	8	48	.295
JKent SF	464	82	137	28	112	.295
DeShields StL	380	66	112	6	40	.295
Jefferies Phi	483	65	142	8	48	.294
McGwire StL	460	118	135	62	129	.293
Bagwell Hou	487	117	141	32	101	.290
Karros LA	460	54	133	22	83	.289
RLankford StL	488	84	141	28	96	.289
Rolen Phi	551	105	158	28	102	.287
AFox Ari	447	60	128	9	41	.286
JLopez Atl	458	69	131	33	101	.286
Javier SF	395	57	113	2	46	.286
WGuerrero Mon	344	43	98	2	26	.285
Glanville Phi	618	100	176	8	47	.285
EcYoung LA	442	76	126	8	43	.285
Weiss Atl	328	59	93	0	27	.284
Floyd Fla	547	80	155	21	89	.283
Gaetti ChC	382	53	108	16	60	.283
Womack Pit	599	83	169	3	43	.282
Mondesi LA	553	80	156	30	88	.282
DWhite Ari	528	81	149	21	82	.282
Fullmer Mon	466	53	131	11	66	.281
Renteria Fla	501	78	141	3	30	.281
NPerez Col	590	76	165	8	50	.280
Alfonzo NYM	497	82	139	17	74	.280
GVaughn SD	528	107	148	48	114	.280
Grudzielanek LA	541	60	151	9	56	.279
KYoung Pit	548	82	153	24	101	.279
Taubensee Cin	410	57	114	10	68	.278
Gutierrez Hou	445	53	123	2	44	.276
Zeile Fla	392	59	108	13	66	.276
JGuillen Pit	513	56	141	12	72	.275
AJones Atl	534	83	147	29	82	.275
QVeras SD	474	77	130	5	41	.274
Klesko Atl	394	66	108	17	62	.274
McRae NYM	502	75	137	20	73	.273
Lansing Col	544	65	148	9	59	.272
RSanders Cin	451	79	122	13	58	.271
Kotsay Fla	525	68	142	10	59	.270
WGreene Cin	356	57	96	14	49	.270
Spiers Hou	366	61	99	4	42	.270
Aurilia SF	361	48	97	8	41	.269
Baerga NYM	480	44	129	6	50	.269
Ausmus Hou	373	56	100	5	41	.268
Brogna Phi	514	69	138	20	101	.268
Grissom Mil	489	50	131	8	57	.268
BBoone Cin	535	65	143	19	84	.267
TLee Ari	505	60	134	20	61	.265
Dellucci Ari	385	39	102	5	48	.265
Burnitz Mil	553	83	146	34	116	.264
Gomez SD	414	53	109	4	34	.263
JHernandez ChC	433	69	113	21	71	.261
CHernandez SD	360	32	94	8	50	.261
Lockhart Atl	353	47	91	8	34	.258
MWilliams Ari	456	63	117	18	63	.257
Stynes Cin	328	51	84	6	26	.256
Mabry StL	359	40	92	9	43	.256
Caminiti SD	419	82	107	28	81	.255
Counsell Fla	335	43	84	4	40	.251
HRodriguez ChC	395	55	99	31	84	.251
JBell Ari	495	73	124	18	58	.251
TDunwoody Fla	380	45	95	4	24	.250
DLee Fla	420	60	104	16	71	.248
Tucker Atl	391	51	97	12	43	.248
Huskey NYM	351	42	87	12	56	.248
ROrdonez NYM	454	42	112	0	38	.247
SFinley SD	568	88	140	14	64	.246
Bonilla LA	313	36	77	11	42	.246
Snow SF	384	57	94	14	73	.245
MLewis Phi	489	50	120	9	53	.245
Collier Pit	324	29	79	2	31	.244
Relaford Phi	450	43	108	5	35	.240
AMartin Pit	440	57	105	12	47	.239
Gant StL	343	54	81	23	58	.236
Andrews Mon	456	42	107	23	65	.235
Clayton StL	355	59	83	4	29	.234
Widger Mon	417	36	97	15	53	.233
Gilkey Ari	365	41	85	5	33	.233
Blauser ChC	354	49	79	4	26	.223
Santangelo Mon	372	51	80	4	21	.215
CJohnson LA	432	42	93	18	57	.215
JrValentin Mil	389	57	83	15	43	.213
Orie Fla	338	41	71	6	34	.210



San Diego Padres' Kevin Brown sprays his son Ridge, 7, with bubbly after the Padres clinched the NL West Division title.(Reuters)

Sosa blasts 60th in wild win

CHICAGO (AP) – Sammy Sosa hit his 60th homer and Orlando Merced had a three-run home run in the ninth inning to cap a wild five-run rally that sent Chicago to a 15-12 victory over Milwaukee on Saturday.

Sosa became just the fourth player in major league history to reach 60, driving a seventh-inning pitch from Valerio De Los Santos over the back fence and out of Wrigley Field.

Sosa, tied with Babe Ruth, who hit 60 homers in 1927, is one shy of the 61 hit by Roger Maris in 1961. And he trails Mark McGwire by two after the St. Louis slugger failed to homer in Houston.

Astros 3, Cardinals 2

Randy Johnson walked Mark McGwire in the third inning, giving McGwire an NL record 152 walks, but Craig Biggio's two-run double in the seventh rallied Houston to a home win.

A crowd of 52,493, the largest to see a regular-season game in the Astrodome, came to see a showdown between Johnson and McGwire. Johnson (8-1) entered the game with four complete-game shutouts in the Astrodome.

McGwire is 1-for-12 since hitting his record 62nd homer.

Rockies 1, Giants 0

Pedro Astacio took a shutout into the ninth and pinch-hitter Jeff Reed drove in the only run with a two-out single in the top of the inning as Colorado beat San Francisco.

Astacio (12-14) did not allow a runner past first base until the ninth when Marvin Benard hit a leadoff single and Rich Aurilia sacrificed. Chuck McElroy relieved and got Barry Bonds to line out to center.

Reds 3, Diamondbacks 0

Bret Boone drove in all three Cincinnati runs, and Steve Parris pitched 7 2/3 shutout innings for the hosts.

Parris (5-4) allowed three hits, struck out six and walked one in getting his first win in three September starts.

Expos 5, Mets 3

Pinch-hitter Robert Perez singled home the go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

New York's loss coupled with Chicago's dramatic victory over Milwaukee, dropped the Mets a game behind the Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Braves 4, Marlins 2

Bruce Chen got his first major league win as Atlanta won a home game to move closer to clinching its seventh straight division title.

Phillies 13, Pirates 4

Alex Arias went 5-for-5 with three doubles, and Bobby Abreu drove in three runs as Philadelphia won at home.

Mark Portugal (9-4) allowed nine hits in his third complete game of the season. He struck out five and walked two.

Padres 8, Dodgers 7

Host San Diego clinched its second NL West title in three seasons, scoring five runs in the sixth.

Greg Vaughn singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth. San Diego scored three runs in the fifth – the first on Wally Joyner's 12th homer – after falling behind 7-0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tigers 3, Red Sox 2

Light-hitting Joe Randa hit a two-run homer in the top of the ninth inning against Boston closer Tom Gordon as the Red Sox's grip on the AL wild-card berth slipped.

Boston managed just four hits in its seventh loss in nine games as its wild-card lead dropped to four games over Toronto, which beat the New York Yankees 5-3. The Red Sox have 16 games remaining and the Blue Jays 14.

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 3

Jose Canseco reached 100 RBIs for the first time in seven seasons and streaking Toronto sent David Wells to his first home loss in a year.

Wells (17-4) lost consecutive starts for the first time this year and lost at Yankee Stadium for the first time since September 5, 1997, against Baltimore. New York, hobbling to the playoffs despite its 103-43 record, has lost 13 of its last 24.

Royals 5, Mariners 2

Jeff King, Johnny Damon and Mendy Lopez homered to offset Ken Griffey Jr.'s 51st homer run as Kansas City won at home.

White Sox 6, Indians 4

Robin Ventura's three-run homer in the top of the eighth broke a tie and the tension in a game marred by a staredown between Albert Belle and his former team.

A fiery confrontation between Belle and Cleveland starter Dave Burba in the sixth interrupted a well-played game which featured several sparkling defensive plays.

With the game tied at 3, Burba set up Belle with fastballs and sliders away for a 1-2 count. He threw a high and tight fastball near Belle's face that hit his bat. Belle stood in the batter's box screaming and motioning at Burba while pointing at the plate – as if to show the right-hander where it was.

Orioles 3, Angels 2

Eric Davis singled in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth after Mike Bordick hit a two-run homer, giving Baltimore a comeback victory.

Rangers 8, Devil Rays 2

Rick Helling reached 19 victories and Mike Simms and Ivan Rodriguez homered as visiting Texas moved within one game of first-place Anaheim in the AL West.

Athletics 6, Twins 5

Visiting Oakland's Jay Witasick, recalled from Triple-A Edmonton on Tuesday, limited Minnesota to one run in 5⅔ innings of relief.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago 021 000 030–6 10 1
Cleveland 010 110 010–4 8 1
Baldwin, Simas (8), Howry (9) and Kreuter; Burba, Shuey (8), Assenmacher (8), Karsay (9) and EI.Diaz. W–Baldwin, 11-5. L–Shuey, 4-2. Sv–Howry (7). HRs–Chicago, F.Thomas (27), Ventura (20). Cleveland, M.Ramirez (37), Fryman (26).

Anaheim 010 100 000–2 8 0
Baltimore 000 000 003–3 9 2
Sparks, Holtz (8), Percival (9) and Nevin; Mussina, Orosco (9), Mills (9) and Hoiles. W–Mills, 2-4. L–Percival, 2-6. HR–Baltimore, Bordick (12).

Detroit 000 000 102–3 7 1
Boston 010 000 001–2 4 0
Florie, M.Anderson (7), To.Jones (9) and Siddall; Schourek, Lowe (7), Gordon (9) and Hatteberg. W–M.Anderson, 4-1. L–Gordon, 7-4. Sv–To.Jones (24). HRs–Detroit, J.Wood (1), Randa (7). Boston, Cummings (5).

Toronto 100 022 000–5 8 1
New York 200 001 000–3 4 1
Carpenter, Person (9) and B.Santiago; D.Wells, Holmes (7), Bradley (8) and Posada. W–Carpenter, 11-7. L–D.Wells, 17-4. Sv–Person (3).

Texas 010 032 002–8 15 0
Tampa Bay 001 010 000–2 9 2
Helling, Wetteland (9) and I.Rodriguez; Santana, Yan (6), Aldred (8), A.Lopez (9), White (9) and Flaherty. W–Helling, 19-7. L–Santana, 5-4. HRs–Texas, Simms (15), I.Rodriguez (18).

Seattle 011 000 000–2 5 0
Kansas City 310 001 00x–5 8 2
Moyer, Slocumb (8) and J.Oliver; Belcher, J.Montgomery (9) and Spehr. W–Belcher, 13-12. L–Moyer, 13-9. Sv–J.Montgomery (33). HRs–Seattle, Griffey Jr (51), J.Oliver (5). Kansas City, Damon (15), J.King (23), M.Lopez (1).

Oakland 003 003 000–6 8 0
Minnesota 300 000 110–5 10 1
Candiotti, Witasick (2), Holzemer (7), Worrell (7), Taylor (8) and Hinch; Milton, Carrasco (6), T.Miller (7) and Steinbach. W–Witasick, 1-1. L–Milton, 7-12. Sv–Taylor (30). HRs–Oakland, Tejada (9). Minnesota, R.Coomer (15), Steinbach (14).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 000 000 000–0 3 1
Cincinnati 100 000 02x–3 6 0
Daal, Small (8) and Miller; Parris, G.White (8) and Fordyce. W–Parris, 5-4. L–Daal, 7-11. Sv–G.White (6).

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Houston 100 000 20x–3 6 0
D.Oliver, Croushore (7) and Marrero; R.Johnson, Elarton (8), B.Wagner (9) and Ausmus. W–R.Johnson, 8-1. L–D.Oliver, 3-3. Sv–B.Wagner (29).

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San Francisco 000 000 000–0 6 0
Astacio, McElroy (9), Dipoto (9) and Manwaring, J.Reed (9); Gardner, Nen (9) and Mayne, B.Johnson (9). W–Astacio, 12-14. L–Nen, 7-6. Sv–Dipoto (18).

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Chicago 020 012 415–15 18 2
Roque, De los santos (7), C.Fox (8), Wickman (9) and Hughes, Matheny (9); Morgan, Stevens (4), F.Heredia (7), Mulholland (9), Beck (9) and Servais, Houston (8). W–Beck, 2-2. L–Wickman, 6-9. HRs–Milwaukee, Burnitz (35), Jenkins (9), Hughes (8). Chicago, J.Hernandez (22), Sosa (60), G.Hill (6), Gaetti (17), Houston (8), Merced (1).

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Atlanta 301 000 00x–4 7 0
L.Hernandez and Knorr; Chen, De.Martinez (7), Ligtenberg (9) and J.Lopez. W–Chen, 1-0. L–L.Hernandez, 10-12. Sv–Ligtenberg (27). HRs–Florida, D.Lee (17). Atlanta, Klesko (18).

Pittsburgh 000 002 002–4 9 0
Philadelphia 400 603 00x–13 16 0
Dessens, Lawrence (4), Ja.Martinez (4), McCurry (6), Van Poppel (8) and Kendall, Laker (6); Portugal and Bennett. W–Portugal, 9-4. L–Dessens, 2-4. HRs–Pittsburgh, Nunez (1). Philadelphia, Abreu (13).

New York 200 000 100–3 7 1
Montreal 100 101 20x–5 7 0
R.Reed, Cook (7), Wendell (7) and Piazza; Vazquez, Kline (7), M.Maddux (7), T.Young (8), Urbina (9) and Henley. W–M.Maddux, 3-3. L–R.Reed, 16-10. Sv–Urbina (31). HRs–New York, L.Harris (6). Montreal, Andrews (24), V.Guerrero (37), Seguignol (2).

WILD CARD STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	83	63	.568	—
Toronto	80	68	.540	4
Texas	79	68	.537	4½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	83	66	.557	—
New York	82	67	.550	1
San Francisco	79	69	.534	3½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
x-New York	103	43	.705	—
Boston	83	63	.568	20
Toronto	80	68	.540	24
Baltimore	75	72	.510	28½
Tampa Bay	57	89	.390	46
Central Division				
Cleveland	80	66	.548	—
Chicago	70	77	.476	10½
Kansas City	67	80	.456	13½
Minnesota	65	82	.442	15½
Detroit	56	92	.378	25
West Division				
Anaheim	80	67	.544	—
Texas	79	68	.537	1
Oakland	68	79	.463	12
Seattle	67	80	.456	13

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	95	54	.638	—
New York	82	67	.550	13
Philadelphia	69	79	.466	25½
Montreal	59	90	.396	36
Florida	48	101	.322	47
Central Division				
y-Houston	96	53	.644	—
Chicago	83	66	.557	13
St. Louis	72	76	.486	23½
Milwaukee	70	79	.470	26
Cincinnati	69	80	.463	27
Pittsburgh	67	80	.456	28
West Division				
x-San Diego	94	55	.631	—
San Francisco	79	69	.534	14½
Los Angeles	75	74	.503	19
Colorado	72	78	.480	22½
Arizona	58	91	.389	36

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Schumacher leads Ferrari to one-two delirium

MONZA, Italy (Reuters) – Double world champion Michael Schumacher completed a transition from villain to hero in magnificent style yesterday when he led Ferrari to a one-two triumph on home soil in the Italian Grand Prix.

Two weeks after his tempestuous departure from the Belgian Grand Prix, the 29-year-old German recovered from a poor start to lift himself level on points with Finn Mika Hakkinen of McLaren at the head of the drivers' championship.

Both have 80 points after Hakkinen, struggling with brake problems on his McLaren, finished fourth. The other McLaren also had problems, Briton David Coulthard's car blowing up when he was leading.

This combination of misfortunes for the Mercedes-Benz-powered team opened the way for Briton Eddie Irvine to finish second and give Ferrari their first one-two on home soil at the Italian race for 10 years.

It was a fitting climax to a weekend during which Ferrari also celebrated their 600th Grand Prix, which happened at Spa two weeks ago.

From his first pole position for a year and in front of a vast crowd at the Autodromo Nazionale, Schumacher's victory was his sixth of the season and the 33rd of his career.

Irvine came home 38 seconds behind Schumacher with Ralf Schumacher third for Jordan, a further three seconds adrift.

Behind Hakkinen, Frenchman Jean Alesi in a Sauber fifth and Briton Damon Hill sixth in the second Jordan.

In a race that inflamed the passions of the Ferrari fans packed into the famous old parkland track, Hakkinen made the most of a fast and forceful start to lead for the opening seven laps before, with his brakes causing him trouble, he let Coulthard through to lead on lap eight.

The Briton stayed in front for only a further eight laps, however, until his engine expired on lap 17 and he pulled off the start-finish straight in a cloud of black smoke – much to the delight of the Ferrari fans who cheered and jeered him.

This gave Schumacher his opportunity and he forced his way through the chicane to lead on the run-up to the Lesmos. He only conceded that lead again briefly during the pitstops before cruising home in victory.

Melbourne, Adelaide advance to AFL semifinals

MELBOURNE (AP) – Peter Vardy kicked six goals Saturday night as defending champions Adelaide booked an Australian Football League semifinal playoff spot with a 27-point win over the Sydney Swans.

Vardy's performance helped Adelaide to a 14.10 (94) to 10.7 (67) Australian Rules win and a semifinal next Saturday against the Western Bulldogs.

Earlier Saturday, Melbourne moved into the semifinals after thumping St. Kilda at the Melbourne Cricket Ground by 51 points.

After trailing at quarter-time, Melbourne went on an eight-goal unanswered run during the second and third terms to set up its 15.17 (107) to 7.14 (56) win before more than 88,000 spectators.

The Demons, who finished last in 1997, will meet North Melbourne in the other semifinal on Friday with the winners of each semifinal advancing to the grand final on Sept. 26.

Vardy kicked three goals in the space of five minutes to stretch the Crows lead to an unassailable 32 points 21 minutes into the third quarter.

Tony Lockett lifted the Swans in the last quarter when he kicked his only goal from the boundary line in the second minute and set up Troy Luff two minutes later to close the gap to 19.

Adelaide restricted Sydney to a goal in each of the second and third quarters while kicking six goals as it adapted to slippery conditions caused by a pre-game downpour.

Melbourne's Jeff Farmer was responsible for his team's burst when he kick-started the eight-goal run. The forward pocket kicked three consecutive goals to drag Melbourne from 14 points down to take the lead.

Melbourne coach Neale Daniher said the win was a major character test for his team.

"It might have been nerves or a case of the yips at the start but the most important thing was when it was one goal to four our nerves were rock solid," he said. "If we hadn't regrouped at that stage our season could have been over."

FSU upset; Paterno gets 300th win

NEW YORK (AP) – It was a joyous day for Joe Paterno, and an upsetting one for Bobby Bowden.

Paterno became just the sixth NCAA coach to win 300 games when No. 9 Penn State routed Bowling Green 48-3 Saturday. His career record is 300-77-3.

Bowden, whose 282 victories are second behind Paterno among active major-college coaches, watched as No. 2 Florida State lost to North Carolina State 24-7.

Only three major-college coaches are ahead of Paterno on the career victory list – Bear Bryant (323), Pop Warner (319) and Amos Alonzo Stagg (314). Eddie Robinson, who retired from Grambling last season, holds the NCAA record with 408 wins and John Gagliardi, who coaches at St. John's, Minn., is second with 342.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 1 Ohio State 49, Toledo 0; No. 3 Florida 42, NE Louisiana 10; No. 4 Nebraska 24, California 3; No. 5 Kansas State 73, Northern Illinois 7; No. 6 UCLA 49, No. 23 Texas 31; No. 7 LSU 42, Arkansas State 6; No. 12 Virginia 31, Maryland 19; Michigan State 45, No. 10 Notre Dame 23; No. 19 Syracuse 38, No. 13 Michigan 28; BYU 26, No. 14 Arizona State 6; No. 15 Georgia 17, South Carolina 3; No. 16 Colorado 29, Fresno State 21; No. 17 Wisconsin 45, Ohio University 0; No. 18 Texas A&M 28, Louisiana Tech 7; No. 21 Arizona 31, Stanford 14; No. 22 Southern Cal 35, San Diego State 6; No. 24 Oregon 33, Texas El-Paso 26; and No. 25 Missouri 41, Kansas 23.

No grand opening for Oilers

NASHVILLE (AP) – It was supposed to be the Tennessee Oilers' grand opening in Nashville yesterday. Someone forgot to tell Ryan Leaf and the San Diego Chargers.

Leaf set up the Chargers' only touchdown with a 20-yard scramble, and John Carney kicked two field goals as the Chargers (2-0) beat the Oilers 13-7 in their first regular-season game in their new hometown.

Not even a sellout crowd of 41,089 at Vanderbilt Stadium could lift the Oilers (1-1).

Falcons 17, Eagles 12

The Atlanta Falcons find themselves in a strange place. So do the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rebounding from a dismal first half, Atlanta scored on its first two possessions of the third quarter and held on for victory over Philadelphia, putting the Falcons at 2-0 for the first time since 1986.

Chris Chandler threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Brian Kozlowski and Jamal Anderson added a 1-yard scoring run.

Steelers 17, Bears 12

The Chicago Bears should have known that Jerome Bettis wouldn't have two bad games in a row.

Bettis bounced back from his worst game with host Pittsburgh, running for 131 yards and a touchdown to lead the Steelers over the Bears 17-12.

The Bears (0-2), 24-23 losers to Jacksonville last week when they couldn't score from the 1-yard line with four minutes left, again had a chance to win in the fourth quarter.

But Carnell Lake intercepted Erik Kramer's pass on third-and-10 from the Steelers' 16 with 44 seconds left to halt what could have been a game-winning drive.

Chicago wasted rookie Curtis Enis' 94-yard game – he has 171 yards in two games despite missing most of training camp – and an excellent start by a much-maligned defense that gave up a team-record 421 points last season but forced the Steelers to punt on their first four possessions.

Ravens 24, Jets 10

Rod Woodson, an old pro accustomed to making big plays, and Jermaine Lewis, a youngster just starting to earn a reputation, lifted the Baltimore Ravens past the New York Jets 24-10.

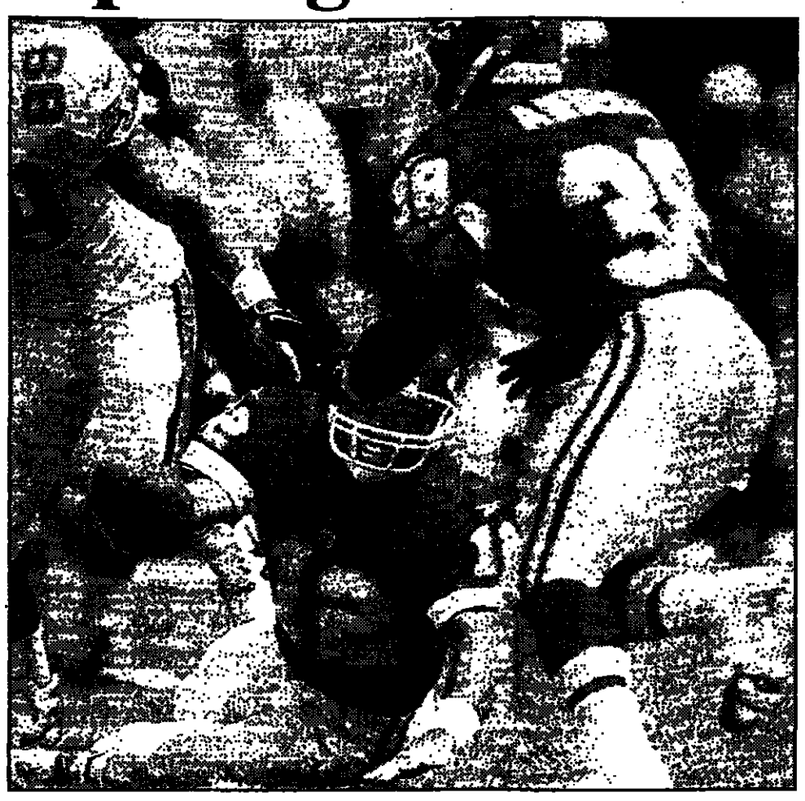
Woodson had two interceptions, returning the second 60 yards for the clinching touchdown. Much earlier, Lewis went 69 yards on a punt runback to give Baltimore (1-1) the lead.

Packers 23, Buccaneers 15

Reggie White was in vintage form at Green Bay's Lambeau Field.

The 36-year-old defensive end got three sacks and led a pass rush that harassed Trent Dilfer all day as the Green Bay Packers beat Tampa Bay 23-15 for their 29th consecutive home victory, including four playoffs.

Dilfer was sacked six times, losing the ball on three of them, as the Packers (2-0) put the Bucs (0-2) in an early hole in the NFC Central.



Kansas City's quarterback, Rich Gannon (12) trips and falls at the line of scrimmage and attempts to dump the ball off to fullback Kimble Anders (38). (Reuters)

Rangers arrive for UEFA Cup clash with Betar

By ORI LEWIS

Glasgow Rangers soccer club arrived in Israel yesterday ahead of their UEFA Cup clash with Betar Jerusalem tomorrow.

A sellout crowd of some 20,000 is expected for the game which should see the stadium, with its new northern grandstand, full for the first time.

There was some bad news for Betar yesterday when Hungarian midfielder Stefan Salloi was suspended from training by coach Dror Kashtan after a disagreement between the two men.

Salloi is apparently unhappy with his current playing role in the middle of the park and feels he should be positioned further up front.

Betar can, however draw some confidence from their 4-2 demolition of 10-man Maccabi Haifa on Saturday, although it is unlikely the will be given as much space in front of the Rangers goal by the Glaswegian defense.

Rangers are due to hold two training sessions today, one this morning and another in the evening at 6 p.m. – the time of the match.

The Scots will not be able to field Dutch defender Arthur Numan, who is injured.

Hingis completes doubles Grand Slam

NEW YORK (Reuters) – A day after surrendering her US Open singles title to Lindsay Davenport, Martina Hingis turned the tables on the American by claiming the women's doubles crown yesterday.

The top-seeded duo of Hingis and Jana Novotna defeated second seeds Lindsay Davenport and Natasha Zvereva 6-3 6-3, completing a rare Grand Slam doubles sweep for Hingis.

"Even though I lost the singles yesterday ... I still was pretty pumped to come out here today," said Hingis, who fell 6-3 7-5 to Davenport in Saturday's singles final.

Hingis splits a $320,000 winner's check with the 29-year-old Novotna.

"We had a wonderful time playing together this year," Novotna, who won the 1997 US Open doubles title with Davenport on her side, said during the awards ceremony.

"I was really pleased to see her come out today after such a tough loss yesterday still smiling," Novotna said of her young partner.

The 17-year-old Swiss world No. 1 in singles and doubles claimed the Australian Open doubles title with Croatian teen Mirjana Lucic before scooping up the French Open, Wimbledon and US Open doubles crowns with Novotna.

Hingis, who successfully defended her Australian Open singles title this year, is only the fourth player ever to sweep the four major women's doubles titles in one year.

Hingis's namesake, Martina Navratilova, and Pam Shriver won the doubles slam in 1984 and Brazilian Maria Bueno won the four major doubles titles with two different partners in 1960.

Despite feeling dejected after losing Saturday's singles final, Hingis said she found a way to get psyched up for the consolation prize.

"I was kind of making history for myself today," she said.

"When you win a Grand Slam in doubles it's still nice, you have a nice trip back home." For Davenport and Zvereva it was a Grand Slam runners-up sweep as the pair fell at the final stage of each of the four majors.

"Today we gave it our best, but Martina and Jana were just too good," said Davenport, who adds her half of the $160,000 runners-up check to her $700,000 singles prize.

Santoro out of French Davis Cup team

By HEATHER CHAIT

The French team for the Davis Cup tie against Israel in Ramat Hasharon next weekend will be without their No. 2 player, Fabrice Santoro.

The absence of Santoro, based on a fall-out with captain Yannick Noah, continues the string of good fortune that has brought Israel now to the brink of qualifying for the 1999 World Group.

Two years ago, Morocco's King Hassan forbade his team from playing on Israeli soil, citing "security reasons," and earlier this year a depleted Austrian team, lacking Thomas Muster and Gilbert Schaller, lost 4-1 to their Israeli hosts.

Capricious as Davis Cup tennis is, France are still highly favored to win this tie, fielding Cedric Pioline (18 in the ATP Tour rankings), Nicolas Escude (39), Guillaume Raoux ( ), Jerome Golmard (58) and Sebastian Grozian (95). Israel has no player ranked among the world's top 100.

Alongside captain Noah, who yesteday announced that the upcoming tie will be his last as captain, will be Patrick Hagelauer as coach.

Guy Forget will be visiting Israel with the squad as a guest of the French Tennis Association.

French interest in the tie is keen and TV channel France 3 will be transmitting the matches live from the Canela Stadium.

Ricard double the perfect tonic for 'Boro

LONDON (Reuters) – Paul Gascoigne made a winning return to Tottenham Hotspur yesterday as his Middlesbrough side romped to a 3-0 victory in their English premier league encounter at White Hart Lane.

Two first-half goals from Middlesbrough's Colombian international Hamilton Ricard and a late effort from Vladimir Kinder ended managerless Tottenham's recent mini-revival.

Gascoigne, who spent four seasons with Tottenham from 1988 to 1992, was given a generous reception by the home crowd and he and Andy Townsend controlled the midfield area.

The victory lifted 'Boro to sixth place on eight points.

Ricard's first goal came after 25 minutes. The Colombian turned Colin Calderwood, slipped the ball to Danish strike partner Mikkel Beck and raced on to the return before firing low past Espen Baardsen in the Tottenham goal.

Ricard and Beck combined in similar fashion for the second after 32 minutes. Ricard flicked a throw-in to Beck who headed the ball across the edge of the penalty area and the Colombian outpaced Calderwood to lash the bouncing ball into the net.

Tottenham, who parted company with Swiss manager Christian Gross a week ago, had won their last two games, but their best effort in a sorry first-half performance was a David Ginola free kick comfortably saved by 'Boro goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer.

Middlesbrough continued to create better chances after the break and Beck twice tested Baardsen with excellent shots from distance.

Slovakian Kinder, who replaced Gascoigne five minutes from time, made it 3-0 after 87 minutes with a swerving shot that surprised the otherwise outstanding Baardsen, who could only fumble it into the net.

The closest Tottenham came to scoring was an injury time header from substitute Chris Armstrong which hit the post.

Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aston Villa	5	4	1	0	7	1	13
Liverpool	5	3	1	1	9	4	10
Leeds United	5	2	3	0	5	1	9
Derby County	5	2	3	0	4	2	9
Man Utd	4	2	2	0	8	3	8
Middlesboro	5	2	2	1	6	4	8
Wimbledon	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
West Ham	5	2	2	1	6	5	8
Arsenal	5	1	4	0	3	2	7
Sheff Wed	5	2	0	3	6	3	6
Notts Forest	5	2	0	3	5	7	6
Tottenham	5	2	0	3	4	10	6
Charlton	5	1	2	2	7	6	5
Newcastle	5	1	2	2	6	6	5
Leicester	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Chelsea	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Everton	5	1	2	2	2	3	5
Blackburn	5	1	1	3	2	6	4
Coventry	5	1	1	3	2	6	4
Southampton	5	0	0	5	2	18	0

Akram keeps Lancs on track for treble

LONDON (Reuters) – A brilliant all-round performance by Pakistan's Wasim Akram kept Lancashire's treble hopes alive oyesterday.

Akram scored 155, his English county championship best, then took five for 66 as Lancashire thrashed Nottinghamshire by 289 runs in their penultimate match.

The victory put them third in the table, two points behind Surrey and 11 behind Leicestershire.

Surrey host Leicestershire in their final game. If it is drawn, Lancashire could win the title outright for the first time since 1934 by beating Hampshire.

They have already clinched two one-day competitions, the NatWest Trophy and the league.

Akram's century left Nottinghamshire with a 461 target. They fell for only 171.

The talented Pakistani is relinquishing the Lancashire captaincy next season and will be replaced as the county's overseas player by Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leicestershire	16	10	0	6	43	47	268
Surrey	16	10	4	2	38	55	259
Lancashire	16	10	1	5	30	52	257
Yorkshire	16	8	3	5	45	59	247
Gloucestershire	16	10	5	1	20	61	244
Hampshire	16	6	4	6	27	57	198
Sussex	16	6	6	4	30	59	197
Somerset	16	6	6	4	30	50	188
Warwickshire	16	5	8	3	32	56	177
Kent	16	5	4	7	18	55	174
Derbyshire	16	5	7	4	24	51	167
Glamorgan	16	4	6	7	35	51	155
Worcestershire	16	4	6	7	29	55	153
Durham	16	4	8	5	27	61	151
Notts	16	3	9	4	19	56	135
Middlesex	16	2	8	6	28	48	126
Northants	16	3	5	8	29	48	124
Essex	16	3	5	8	29	48	124

Note: Northants were deducted 25 points

BASKETBALL

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Mac. Ra'anana 83, Hap. Holon 66

Holon's efforts to put together a patchwork squad failed to provide an answer in Ra'anana as last year's runner-up to Maccabi Tel Aviv in the regular season scored an easy opening night victory.

In other news, the NBA, for the first time in its history, on Thursday called off a game because of a labor dispute. The October 12 exhibition between the Miami Heat and Maccabi Tel Aviv was called off because of the lockout imposed by NBA owners.

The game had been scheduled for October 12, 1999 in Tel Aviv.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Harpsichordist David Shemer and his wife, baroque flutist Idit Shemer, present a recital of music by Bach and other composers tonight at 8:30 at the Scottish Church in Jerusalem. Later this week the two musicians will travel to Belgium to record two CDs for EMS which will include some of the music performed in this evening's recital.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ A PRICE ABOVE RUBIES – Set in the heart of the hassidic community of Boro Park in Brooklyn, this film is perhaps most notable for the sentimental pitfalls it manages to avoid. Young American director (the son of Israelis) Boaz Yakin treats his hermetic, ghetto backdrop soberly, without resorting to the usual kitsch romanticizations. Instead, his movie evolves as a feminist self-discovery quest with anthropological overtones, a sort of black-hat *Now Voyager*. It's the story of the search by a newly married religious woman (Renee Zellweger, the pouty cutie-pie from *Jerry Maguire*) for her place in the world – a place she senses with a mixture of dread and deep hunger may lie far beyond the strict confines of the haredi milieu. Though the film certainly does suffer at times from a simplistic sort of polemicism – Yakin's critique of certain aspects of haredi existence often feels too easy, like a pat, skeptic's commentary placed awkwardly in the mouth of a sheltered religious character – its nuanced emotional weave comes as a refreshing surprise. The movie is problem atic but moving, and Zellweger's compelling performance helps make up for some of the script's logical gaps. (Not recommended for children)

A newly married haredi woman (Renee Zellweger) searches for her place in the world in 'A Price Above Rubies.'

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Weber: Invitation to the Dance op 65; Weber: Variations on a Theme by Rossi op 40; Locatelli: Violin Concerto no 6 from L'arte del violino op 3
7:07 Chabrier: Suite pastorale; Stravinsky: Les Noces (4 choreographic scenes) for Vocal Soloists, 4 Pianos, Percussion Ensemble and Chorus
8:05 Cipriano de Rore: Madrigal; 15th-century instrumental music; Vaughan Williams: On Wenlock Edge (song cycle) for Tenor, Piano and String Quartet; Archadelt, Ortiz and Rufo: 3 arrangements for viol ensemble (Labyrinto / Pandolfo)
9:05 Contemporary works by Ben-Haim, Argov and others
12:00 Light Classical – mythology in music – Fauré, Mozart, Tcherepnin, Debussy, Drigo, Offenbach, Sibelius, Stoltz and J.Strauss
13:00 Artist of the Week – Peter Wispelwey, cello. Brahms: Sonata in E-minor for Forte-Piano and Cello op 38; Sonata in F for Forte-Piano and Cello op 99 (with Paul Komen)
14:06 Encore – Beethoven: Violin Concerto op 61
15:00 The Romantic Concerto
16:00 Early music
17:00 Etnahta (recorded 27.4.98) – Julia Sverdlov, harp / Gilad Hildesheim, violin / Raphael Frankel, violin / Aharon Yaron, viola / Hillel Tzori, cello / Yossi Arnheim, flute / Avigail Arnheim, clarinet. Sergiu Natra: Music for Nicanor for Harp, Flute, Clarinet and String Quartet; Mozart: Clarinet Quintet K581; Mozart: Flute Quartet in G major K285a; Yosupov: All in Vain... for Flute, Viola and Harp; Ravel: Introduction and Allegro for Flute, Clarinet, Harp and String Quartet; Ravi Shankar: L'aube enchantée for Flute and Harp; Debussy: Sonata for Flute, Viola and Harp (Y. Gandelsman, viola)
19:00 Rainbow of Sounds – works by Boccherini, Gluck and Telemann
20:05 Beethoven: Piano Concerto no 3 op 37
21:00 Israel Camerata Jerusalem / Avner Biron, conductor / Lorna Anderson, soprano – live from the Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Vivaldi: 2 Motets; Bach: A Musical Offering; Respighi: Gli uccelli (The Birds)
23:00 Just Jazz

RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive (until 9:00) – Music with Marc Berman
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lion's Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) – Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Home Sweet Home – real estate and more with Tamar Yonah
12:00 The Aliya Show
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
15:00 Music with Aaron Katzman
17:00 Afternoon Drive (until 19:00) – with Michael Reinis
17:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
19:00 Soul and More with Michal Cohen
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's sports tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 WestSport with Danny Gewirtz and Jeremy Gavzy
22:00 WestRock – with David Suskauer
1:00 Late Night Music

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5:00 News
5:05 Write On
5:15 Sports Roundup
5:30 Westway
6:00 The World Today
6:30 Songs Of The Sufi Mystics
7:00 The World Today
7:30 The Works
8:00 News
8:15 Stories From The Afterlife
8:30 Omnibus
9:00 News
9:15 Off the Shelf: Human Croquet, part 4
9:30 The Vintage Chart Show
10:00 News
10:10 Pause For Thought
10:15 International Question Time
11:00 News
11:05 World Business Report
11:15 Record News
11:30 Westway Access
11:45 Sports Roundup
12:00 Newsdesk
12:30 Omnibus
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 Jazzmatazz
14:00 News
14:05 World Business Report
14:15 Britain Today
14:30 Seven Days
14:45 Sports Roundup
15:00 Newshour
16:00 News
16:05 Outlook
16:30 The Edge
17:00 World News
17:05 Sports Roundup
17:15 Westway Access
17:30 Joe's Strummer's London Calling
18:00 Europe Today
18:30 World Business Report
18:45 Britain Today
19:00 News
19:15 Insight
19:30 Seven Days
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 Newsdesk
20:30 Brain of Britain 1998
21:00 News Summary
21:01 Outlook
21:25 Pause For Thought
21:30 Multitrack: Hit List
22:00 Newshour
23:00 News

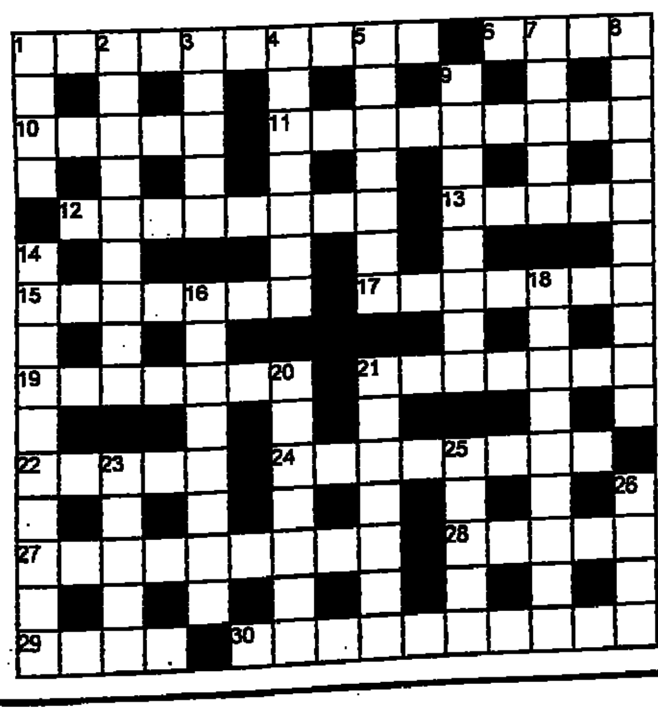
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 The implication about the German is "not straight" (10)
6 Some keep icily cool, being heroic (4)
10 Add a pound, that's all (5)
11 Setting no price is wrong —vagueness is out! (9)
12 Grand race of people (8)
13 Accurate about a point —it's all relative! (5)
15 Taking ship with a desperado (7)
17 A few in black may be set aside (7)
19 Block cut in points (7)
21 Transport record prepared by a writer of fiction (7)
22 For the monarch, right or wrong (5)
24 The person making an offer of support rose unsteadily (8)
27 Pretending to be discerning (6,3)
28 Pop into one with all speed (5).
29 Out of gear (4)
30 Resorts of parents without a file (10)

DOWN

1 Greek character with the heartless mum (4)
2 Calculating but genuine about bearing up (9)
3 A little model highly regarded in India (5)
4 Grieved—so long in the red (7)
5 They're steely-eyed (7)
7 Quietly increase force (5)
8 Having read notes on fishing tackle, fish (6,4)
9 Returning soldiers no minister backs give up (4,4)
14 Sailors start lashing in a beam seen slipping (4,6)
16 A candidate wants partisan constituents (8)
18 An old missile that's making a comeback (9)
20 Former Palestinian group joins soldiers in making search (7)
21 A Highlander whose concern is growing (7)
23 Gathered together when so inclined (5)
25 OK as a substitute for port in Japan (5)
26 Hardy girl, upset, overbearing (4)



SOLUTIONS

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 7 Tomato, 8 Source, 10 Arraign, 11 Igloo, 12 Glut, 13 Let in, 17 Tot up, 18 Toil, 22 Salvo, 23 Uniform, 24 Editor, 25 Astern. DOWN: 1 Strange, 2 Amorous, 3 Stain, 4 Hominid, 5 Brill, 6 Below, 9 Ingenuous, 14 Solomon, 15 Coronet, 16 Fleming, 19 Aster, 20 Plaid, 21 Tipsy.

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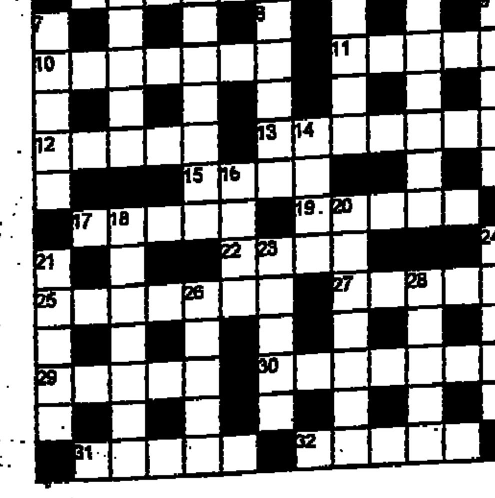

ACROSS

1 Ascend (5)
4 Upper room (5)
10 Set in order (7)
11 Solitary (5)
12 Reverberate (5)
13 Young tree (7)
15 Always (4)
17 Prig (5)
19 Playwright (5)
22 Close (4)
25 Moments (7)
27 Cognisant (5)
29 Put out (5)
30 Referee (7)
31 Romany (5)
32 Jovial (5)

DOWN

2 Caterpillar (5)
3 Coped (7)
5 Vagrant (5)
6 Worship (7)
7 Imagination (5)
8 eg Taste (5)
9 Simulate (5)
14 Operatic song (4)
16 Sell (4)
18 Correct (7)
20 Blackberry (7)
21 Very pale (5)
23 Attempt (5)
24 Facial hair (5)
26 Memoranda (5)
28 Change (5)

TV

CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Australian Wild
8:30 Pique Nique
9:00 How to Draw Cartoons
9:30 Media Waves
10:00 Programs for the very young
11:00 Science and Nature
13:05 Environmental Affairs
13:30 Hanni's Room

CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Casper
15:50 Eli and Lilly and Garfield
16:45 Wolves, Witches and Giants
16:59 A New Evening
17:34 The Biz
18:00 Foxy Tales
18:10 Dudu's Adventures
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Sport
19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Oh, Dr. Beeching!
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:30 Shooting Versace – fascinating episode of the BBC's *Modern Times* documentary series about the madcap race to complete a movie about the famed fashion designer's murder in just 18 days
22:30 Going Wrong
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's Programs
5:55 Song for the Day
6:00 Animation
6:30 Rainbow Children
6:43 This Morning
9:00 Rivka Michaeli
9:55 L.A. Law
10:46 Dynasty
11:40 Ellen Cleghorne
12:05 Top Secret
12:32 Bailey Kippers POV
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 Open Cards
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Major Dad
15:28 Roseanne
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Return of the Sheriff
18:00 The World's Dumbest Criminals
18:05 Relativity
18:58 Miss World – the world's most celebrated beauty pageant takes place this year in the Seychelles, with 86 belles competing for the coveted crown
19:50 A Moment Before People of the Year 1998
20:00 News
20:30 People of the Year 1998 – a glittering gala evening at the end of which we will know who has been adjudged to have contributed the most to local entertainment, sports, music, TV, theater, cinema and society in general
22:30 Hafukh
23:15 The Fat Guy with the Sony
00:00 News
00:10 Murder One
1:00 Spearfield's Daughter
1:55 Jumpin' at the Boneyard (1991) – two brothers reunite after a separation of three years, and the older brother tries to persuade the younger to give up drugs. With Tim Roth, Alexis Arquette and Samuel L. Jackson
3:40 Song for the Day

JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

14:00 Holy Koran
14:10 Barney's Friends
14:30 The Worst Day of My Life
15:00 Neighbors
15:30 The Last Frontier
16:00 Thalassa
17:00 Acapulco Bay
18:00 Le Journal
18:15 Cinque et Cinque
18:30 News Headlines
18:35 Hope and Gloria
19:00 Perspective
19:30 War Lords
20:10 Rescue Force 991
21:00 News in English
21:30 Law & Order
22:10 Baywatch Nights

MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:00 Richard Scarry
14:30 Popeye
15:00 Wishbone
15:30 Jack Hanna
16:00 CBS News
16:30 Arabic News
17:00 American Football
20:00 Larry King
21:00 Dramatic Rescues
22:00 The 700 Club
23:00 TV Shopping
1:00 Net Talking
2:00 American Football

CABLE

ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Cartoons
16:45 Amores
17:30 Panorama
18:00 Animation
18:15 No Dear Husband
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 Auto Classics
20:00 Cinema 3
21:00 News
21:30 Tunes of Glory (1960) – highly acclaimed movie, directed by Ronald Neame, about a Scottish Highland regiment which undergoes a fundamental change of command, and the ensuing bitter feud. With a star-studded British cast including Alec Guinness, John Mills, Susannah York and Gordon Jackson
23:15 Dat Pop 33
23:45 Baldy Man

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Really Wild Animals
15:51 Sophie For Now
16:15 Wonderful World of Animals
16:30 Sesame Street
17:00 Siwar the Bee
17:20 Moliere
17:45 Arabic Stories
18:00 Zombit
18:30 Guitar for Beginners
19:00 Simply Style
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Donka X-Ray of an African Hospital
22:00 In the Heat of the Night – Part 1
22:50 Apollo 12
Uncensored

CHANNEL 3

7:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry (rpt)
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 Wings
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 The Naked Truth
20:50 1998 Emmy awards – edited and translated repeat of last night's ceremony
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Renegade
1:20 The New Untouchables

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Sweet Dreams (1996) – a young woman with amnesia is abused by her husband and his mistress and must fight to recover her memory in order to survive. With David Newsom, Tiffani-Amber Thiessen and Amy Yasbec
13:05 Berlin Express (1948) – spy thriller set in postwar Europe where a Nazi underground organization kidnaps German statesmen. With Merle Oberon and Robert Ryan
14:45 The Great Mom Swap (1996) – two teenage girls with nothing at all in common trade homes and families for a month. With Valerie Harper
16:15 New in the Cinema
16:30 Fighting for my Daughter (1994) – an anxious mother searches for her runaway daughter on the streets of Toronto. With Lindsay Wagner and Piper Laurie
18:05 The Size of Watermelons (1996) – a generation-X art student decides to document an eccentric's campaign for the secession of Hawaii, but when he finally gets his act together the campaigner disappears. With Paul Rudd, Donal Loue and Lone Skye
19:45 Renegade
20:25 Family Reunion: A Relative Nightmare (1995) – in the yearly get-together every member of this extended family tries to prove that he is the craziest. With Melissa Joan Hart and Jason Marsden
22:00 Almost Golden (1995) – well-made biopic of Jessica Savitch, one of America's first television news anchorwomen and the price she paid. With Sela Ward, Ron Silver and Judith Ivey
23:30 American Perfekt – a straitlaced doctor comes to the aid of a stranded motorist who was side-swiped by an unidentified vehicle on a desert highway and slowly becomes engrossed in her life and a series of weird events. With Fairuza Balk, Robert Forster, Amanda Plummer, Paul Sorvino and David Thewlis
1:10 No Child of Mine (1996) – the shocking true story of a 10-year-old girl who was horrifyingly abused by her parents and their friends
2:35 Total Exposure (1991, 92 mins.) – a successful photographer first finds cocaine in her luggage and is then accused of murder. With the help of a private detective she tries to clear her name and escape the wrath of a drug dealer. With Season Hubley and Jeff Conaway

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 The World's Most Beautiful Tales
9:20 Little Star
9:40 The Happy Ness
10:05 The Smurfs
10:35 Ninja Turtles
11:00 Superman
11:25 Twins of Destiny
11:50 Ace Ventura, Pet Detective
12:20 Student Bodies
12:50 Moesha
13:30 The Muddles
14:00 Unmal
14:30 The Smurfs
15:05 Ninja Turtles
15:30 Zorro
16:00 Twins of Destiny
16:25 Bruno the Kid
16:50 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper
17:20 Helen and the Boys
17:45 Chiquititas
18:35 Moesha
19:00 Mirror, Mirror
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Love Hurts (Dutch, 1993) – an impossibly painful love story between a young lawyer and an urban gypsy who fights for immigrant rights and lives on an old boathouse. Directed by Mika DeJong
23:25 Lust and Revenge (1995, 89 mins.) – Australian jab at the art world and society in general by Paul Cox. A business executive and his daughter commission a bronze sculpture to give to an art gallery for tax-exemption purposes. With: Nicholas Hope, Gosia Dobrowolska, Claudia Karvan and Chris Haywood

CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts from Sunday at 23:30)
8:00 Road to Khat (rpt)
8:55 Wings of the Red Star (rpt)
9:50 The Pirates of Penzance – Gilbert and Sullivan light opera performed by the Victoria State Art Center
11:45 Africa I Remember – documentary portrait of the African composer Tunde Galeda
12:20 The World of Geo: Valley of the Ancestors (rpt)
13:10 Floyd on Italy: Sicily
13:45 When the Lights Go Out (rpt)
14:15 Investigative Reports
15:05 Devadasi: The Sacred Prostitute (rpt)
16:05 Lords of Hokkaido – on foxes in the northernmost Japanese island
17:00 Open University: Karl Richter's Legacy
17:30 Open University: English Have a Go
18:00 Open University: Portrait of a Family
18:30 Open University: Faces of Culture
19:00 The World of Geo: Zanzibar
19:50 Nice Guys Finish Last – corruption in the workplace and how the lives of those who exposed it were affected
20:45 Crowded House
21:10 Investigative Reports, part 3
22:00 Signal to Noise: Watching Television
22:55 Signal to Noise: TV Reality
23:55 Open University: Inside the Global Economy
00:55 Open University: Richard Serra

STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Bergerac
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 Santa Barbara
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Snowy River: McGregor Saga
10:00 Fawlty Towers
10:30 Fashion TV
11:00 Spiderman
11:30 Small Wonder
12:00 Code 3
12:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
13:00 The Simpsons
13:30 The Wonder Years
14:00 Due South
15:00 Peak Practice
16:00 Lovejoy
17:00 Santa Barbara
18:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
18:30 The Simpsons
19:00 Due South
20:00 Peak Practice
21:00 Lovejoy
22:00 Seaforth
23:00 Bergerac
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 Terry Toons
1:00 Code 3
1:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:00 The Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian
2:30 Aerobics Oz Style

BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Correspondent (rpt)
7:30 Earth Report: Argentina (rpt)
8:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
9:30 Skeleton Coast (rpt)
10:30 Correspondent
11:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
12:30 Top Gear Waterworld (rpt)
13:00 The World Today
14:30 Wild World
15:30 The World Today
16:30 The Air Show (rpt)
17:30 Hard Talk with Tim Sebastian
18:30 Style!
19:00 The World Today
20:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
21:30 Science World
22:00 World News and Business Report
22:30 The Travel Show
23:10 Europe Direct
00:15 World News and Business Report
00:45 Asia Today (rpt)
1:05 USA Direct
1:30 Correspondent (rpt)

CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

6:00 CNN This Morning
6:30 Best of Insight (rpt)
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Managing with Jan Hopkins
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 World Sport
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 Showbiz this Weekend
10:00 Newsstand CNN & Time
11:30 World Sport
12:30 American Edition
12:45 World Report: As They See It
13:30 Pinnacle Europe
14:15 News & Business Asia
15:30 CNN Newsroom
16:30 World Sport
17:30 The Artclub
18:00 Newsstand CNN & Time
19:45 American Edition
20:30 World Business Today
21:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
22:00 News Europe
22:30 Insight
23:00 World Business Today
23:30 World Sport
00:00 World View
00:30 Moneyline Newshour
1:30 Showbiz Today
2:15 Asian Edition
2:30 Q&A (rpt)

SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 ABC World News
7:00 Sunrise
12:30 Sky World News
15:30 On the Line – interactive show
17:30 Sky World News
18:00 Live at Five
20:30 Sportsline
21:30 Business Report
22:30 Sky World News
23:00 Prime Time
1:30 CBS Evening News
2:30 ABC World News

CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 International Journal
17:30 National League Soccer (rpt)
19:00 Futbol Mondial
19:30 Sports News
20:00 FILA Basketball Live – Maccabi Ra'anana vs Elitzur Ramle
22:00 Spanish League Soccer
23:30 Tennis Special
00:00 Rugby World

EUROSPORT (15/16)

8:30 Athletics
10:00 Cycling
11:00 Xtrem Sports
12:00 Nascar
13:00 Judo
14:00 Triathlon
15:00 Cycling
17:00 All Sports
17:30 Carting
19:00 Xtrem Sports
20:00 Xtrem Sports
21:00 Tractor Pulling
22:00 Mighty Man
23:00 Soccer
00:30 Boxing (rpt)

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	Oh, Dr. Beeching!		Melrose Place	Renegade	Family Matters Married with Children	Nice Guys Finish Last
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News				
20:30	Are You Being Served	People of the Year	The Naked Truth	Family Reunion	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Crowded House
21:00	News		1998 Emmy Awards		Beverly Hills 90210	Investigative Reports
21:30	Shooting Versace					
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	Almost Golden	Love Hurts	Signal to Noise
22:30	Going Wrong	Hafukh	Seinfeld			Signal to Noise
23:00			Ricki Lake			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Inquietitude 5 • Red Corner 7:15 • Boogie Nights ∞Golden Earrings 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Gingerbread 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie ∞Superboy 4:45 • Twilight ∞The Big Lebowski∞Species II 4:45, 7:15, 10 • City of Angels ∞The Avengers∞Red Corner 7:15, 10 • Lethal Weapon 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers 4:45 JERUSALEM THEATER The Spanish Prisoner 7, 9:30 • The King of Masks 7, 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Mafia! Fri. 10, 12:15 a.m.; 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Il Ciclone∞6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 5, 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Godzilla4:30, 7, 9:45 • Parent Trap 4:45, 7:15 MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 Armageddon 4:15, 7, 10 • The Horse Whisperer 4:15, 7, 10 SMADAR ☎ 5618168 A Price Above Rubies 5, 7:30, 10
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF On connait la chanson∞Spanish Prisoner 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • The Real Blonde 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 GAT ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 6:30, 9:45 GLOBUS ☎6081130/1 Gingerbread ∞Twilight 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Species II 7:30, 10 • The Borrowers ∞The Magic Sword 11:30 a.m., 2 • City of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease∞Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Avengers∞Species II 5, 7:30, 10 • City of Angels 5, 7:30, 10 LEV ☎5288288 A Price Above Rubies 11 a.m., 1:45, 5, 7:30, 10 • He Got Game 11 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10 • Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 7, 9:45 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Night Train 4:30 LEV AVIV ☎6417148 The Polish Bride 5, 7:30, 10 • He Got Game 7:15, 10 • Kundun 7:15 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • Brassed Off 5, 10 • Nights of Cabiria∞Carla's Song 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll's House 5 LIMOR ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6, 9:45 • Empire of the Senses 8 MAGNIFICENT SIX ☎6886665 The Opium War∞Operation Delta Force 2 12 noon, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 • Looking for Lola 12 noon, 4, 10 • Sinbad 12 noon, 2, 4, 6 • Azit 12 noon, 4 • Hard Men 8, 10 • Men Always Lie 12 noon, 2, 6, 8 • Funny Games 8, 10 • Tromeo and Juliet 8 • Great Troubles 2, 6 • Toxic Avenger 12 noon, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 G.G. PE'ER ☎5442141 High Art 7:30, 10 •The Avengers 7:30, 10 • Paulie *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • The Big Lebowski 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Gingerbread ∞Twilight 5, 7:30, 10 • Superboy 5 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle 6 Days 7 Nights 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mafia! 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Armageddon 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45• Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 2:30, 5 • Godzilla 1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Big Hit Fri. 10, 12:15 a.m. • Dr. Dolittle 2:30, 5, 7:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House Jackie Brown 4:15, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 5:15, 9 • As Good As It Gets 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 • Il Ciclone∞The Leading Man 5, 7:30, 9:45 TEL AVIV MUSEUM The Hanging Garden 5, 8, 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 On connait la chanson 7:15, 9:30 • Live Flesh 7:15, 9:30 CINEMATHEQUE Kundun 7 • Box of Moonlight 9:30 MORIAH ☎8242477 Gadjo Dilo 7:30, 9:30 ORI ☎8500056 Gingerbread 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Species II∞The Avengers 7:15, 10 • Grease 4:45 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • City of Angels 7:15, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Twilight 4:45, 7:15 10 • Paulie∞The Borrowers∞Superboy 4:45 PANORAMA ☎8382020 Lethal Weapon IV 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Real Blonde 7:15, 9:30 • King of Masks 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Paulie 4:30 RAV-CHEN ☎8500055 As Good As It Gets 4:15, 7, 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Wild Things 4:45, 7, 9:30 • 6 Days 7 Nights 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Mafia! 5, 7:15, 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 8674311 Godzilla 4, 6:45, 9:30 • Titanic 4:45, 8:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 8416898 6 Days 7 Nights∞Wild Things 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 4, 6:45, 9:30 • The Horse Whisperer 9:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • Mafia! 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle 5, 7:15 • Godzilla 4:15, 7, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 8248553 The Horse Whisperer 6:15, 9:30 • Il Ciclone 7:15, 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle∞Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 A Price Above Rubies 7, 9:30
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RAV CHEN Mafia!∞6 Days 7 Nights 7:15, 9:30 • Armageddon 6:45, 9:45
ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Species II 7:15, 9:30 • Dr. Dolittle∞Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 9:30
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 City of Angels ∞Species II 7:30, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie ∞Superboy 5 • Species II∞Austin Powers 5, 7:30, 10 • Amistad 6:45, 9:45 ORI ☎8566073 Conspiracy Theory 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Fateful Decision∞Grease 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN ☎8661120 6 Days 7 Nights∞Mafia! 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Horse Whisperer 9:45 • Armageddon 4, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 7:30, 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 5, 7:30 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • Godzilla 4:30, 7, 9:45
ASHKELON
G.G. GIL☎ 6729977 Gingerbread ∞Species II 5, 7:30, 10 • The Spanish Prisoner∞The Avengers 7:30, 10 • Superboy ∞Paulie 5 • Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 RAV CHEN ☎6711221 6 Days 7 Nights∞Mafia! 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 5 • Armageddon 7, 9:45 • Godzilla 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Dr. Dolittle 5, 7:30
BAT YAM
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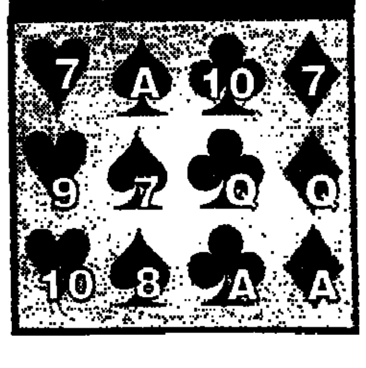

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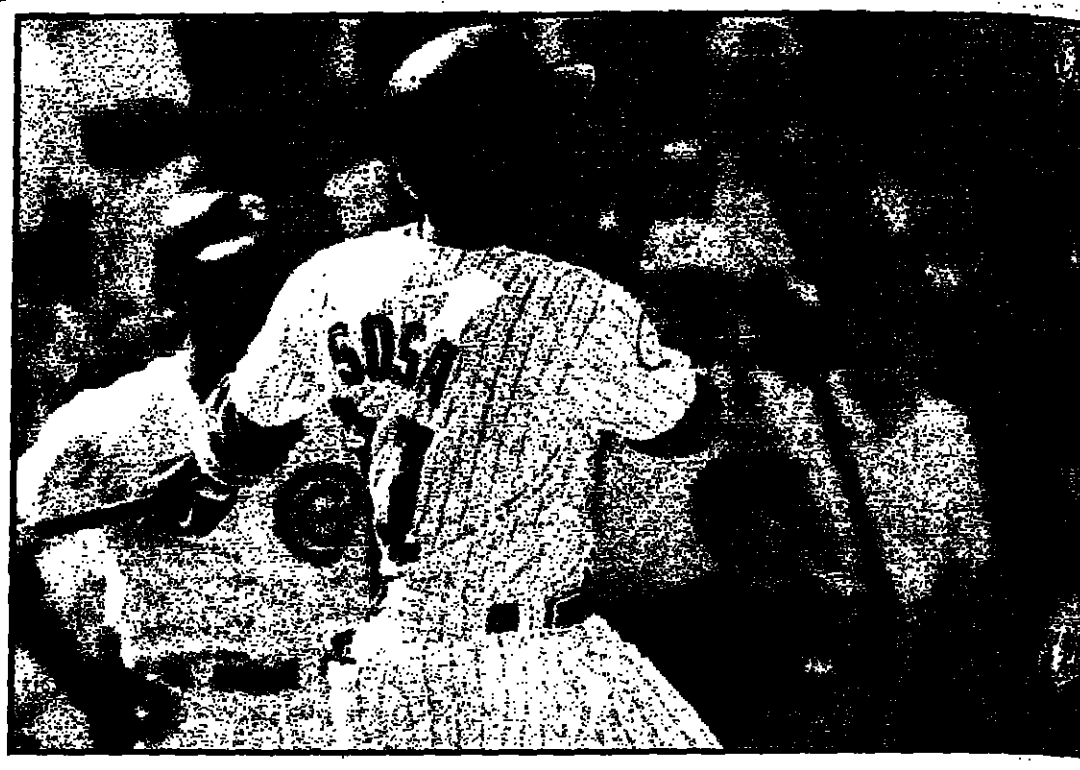

Sammy Sosa watches as his 61st home run heads towards the wall at Wrigley Field yesterday. (Reuters)

CHICAGO (Reuters) – After going six days without a home run, Chicago Cubs' slugger Sammy Sosa yesterday crushed his fourth in three games and second of the day, becoming the second player in a week to eclipse Roger Maris' 37-year-old single-season record of 61 homers in a season.

Sosa ripped a 2-1 pitch from Milwaukee reliever Eric Plunk over the left-centre field wall and onto Waveland Avenue, triggering a mad scramble for the historic souvenir.

The homer was Sosa's 10th against Milwaukee this season, his most against any opponent.

Earlier, Sosa became only the third player ever to hit 61 homers, moving past Babe Ruth, tying Roger Maris, when he connected yesterday off Bronswell Patrick.

Sosa, who hit his 60th Saturday, sent an 0-1 pitch 480 feet into the street behind the left-field fence at Wrigley Field in the fifth inning.

Fans raced after the ball as it went down the street. Sosa, meanwhile, rounded the bases pumping his fists as a sellout crowd at Wrigley began stamping its feet and shouting "Sam-mee, Sam-mee."

Once he reached home plate, Sosa got a 15-second embrace from teammate Mark Grace. Sosa went into the corner of the dugout hugging his teammates along the way and then turned to TV cameras and made his trademark salute – thumping his heart, blowing kisses and making a "V" sign. He then lipped the words: "I love you, mama," to a TV camera.

The game was being broadcast live back to the Dominican Republic, Sosa's homeland.

Sosa finally emerged from the dugout for a curtain call, tipping his helmet toward his faithful following in right field and waving to all sides of the ball park.

The ball was retrieved by John Witt of Dixon, Illinois, who stuffed it in his pocket and promised to negotiate with Sosa after the game. Witt was sitting in a van off Kenmore Avenue outside the stadium, watching the game on a small TV when he saw Sosa swing. The ball bounced a couple of times and landed at his feet.

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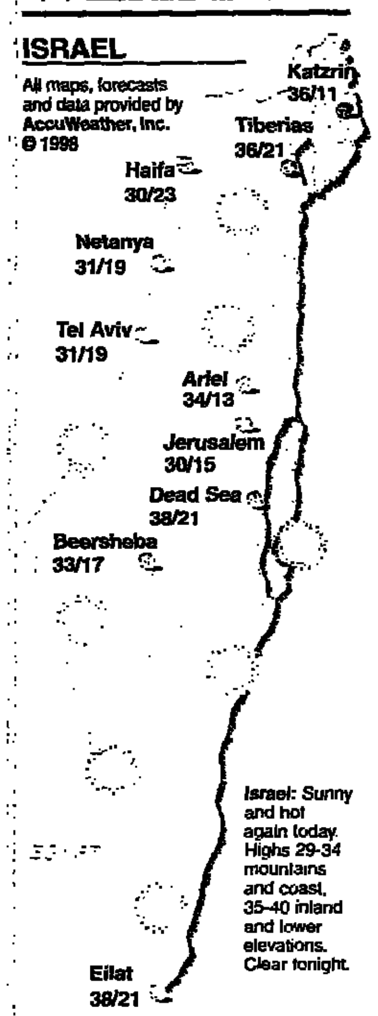

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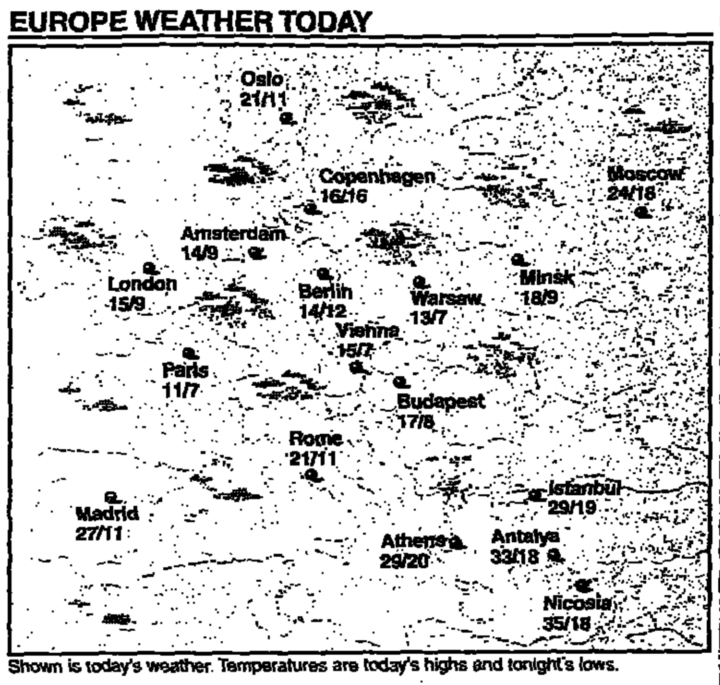

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Ariel	34/93	13/55/s	37/98	15/59/s	33/91	16/61/pc	33/91	15/59/pc
Beersheba	33/91	17/62/s	34/93	18/64/s	32/89	19/66/pc	32/89	18/64/pc
Dead Sea	38/100	21/70/s	41/106	23/73/s	38/100	23/73/pc	37/98	23/73/pc
Eilat	38/100	21/70/s	39/102	22/71/s	37/98	22/71/pc	37/98	22/71/pc
Haifa	30/86	23/73/s	32/89	24/75/s	31/88	24/75/pc	31/88	23/73/pc
Jerusalem	30/86	15/59/s	32/89	17/62/s	29/84	17/62/pc	28/82	17/62/pc
Katzrin	36/97	11/52/s	39/102	12/53/s	36/97	14/57/pc	35/95	13/55/pc
Netanya	31/88	19/66/s	33/91	20/68/s	32/89	20/68/pc	31/88	20/68/pc
Tel Aviv	31/88	19/66/s	33/91	20/68/s	32/89	21/70/pc	31/88	20/68/pc
Tiberias	36/97	21/70/s	39/102	22/71/s	36/97	23/73/pc	36/97	23/73/pc

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Amsterdam	14/57	9/48/r	16/61	9/48/c	17/62	11/52/pc
Beijing	31/88	14/57/s	28/82	16/61/s	31/88	22/71/s
Berlin	14/57	12/53/r	14/57	11/52/r	17/62	12/53/pc
Brussels	12/53	9/48/sh	16/61	9/48/pc	19/66	13/55/pc
Cairo	36/97	21/70/s	37/98	21/70/s	33/91	20/68/pc
Chicago	27/80	16/61/sh	24/75	13/55/r	23/73	13/55/s
Frankfurt	13/55	11/52/r	14/57	9/48/r	18/64	10/50/pc
Hong Kong	31/88	26/79/pc	31/88	27/80/c	32/89	27/80/c
Johannesburg	21/70	15/59/c	19/66	12/53/sh	24/75	9/48/pc
London	15/59	9/48/r	17/62	9/48/pc	19/66	12/53/s
Los Angeles	31/88	20/68/s	31/88	17/62/pc	29/84	16/61/pc
Madrid	27/80	11/52/s	27/80	13/55/pc	29/84	15/59/pc
Mexico City	24/75	16/61/sh	20/68	14/57/c	24/75	14/57/s
Montreal	23/73	16/61/pc	24/75	11/52/s	19/66	12/53/s
Moscow	24/75	18/64/pc	24/75	11/52/r	17/62	11/52/pc
New York	28/82	19/66/pc	28/82	19/66/pc	26/79	18/64/pc
Paris	11/52	7/44/r	14/57	8/46/pc	20/68	12/53/s
Prague	13/55	7/44/c	12/53	7/44/r	17/62	10/50/s
Rio de Janeiro	23/73	18/64/r	21/70	18/64/r	24/75	19/66/pc
Rome	21/70	11/52/pc	21/70	11/52/pc	25/77	16/61/pc
Sydney	20/68	13/55/pc	18/64	6/43/s	17/62	10/50/s
Tokyo	27/80	24/75/c	28/82	28/82/r	31/88	19/66/r
Toronto	25/79	14/57/c	26/79	13/55/pc	24/75	13/55/pc
Vienna	15/59	7/44/pc	17/62	9/48/c	18/64	12/53/pc
Warsaw	13/55	7/44/r	11/52	9/48/r	17/62	8/46/pc
Washington	32/89	21/70/pc	30/86	19/66/pc	28/82	19/66/pc
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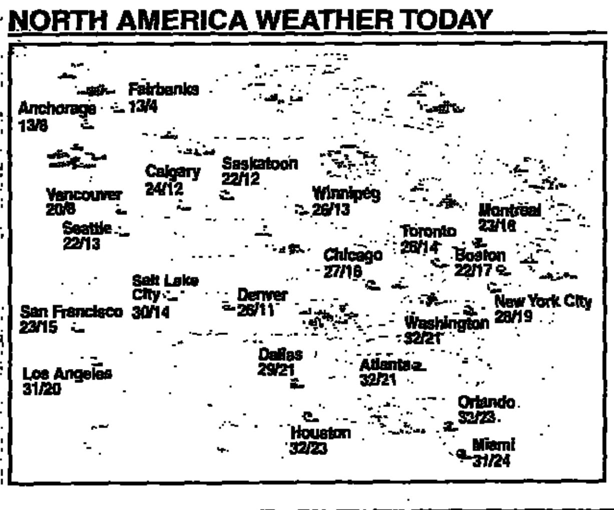

Hap. J'lem buries Ramat Gan, 89-68

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The H. Waldman Era began with a bang for Hapoel Jerusalem last night, as the former University of Las Vegas point-guard celebrated taking over the club's helm from Adi Gordon by leading his teammates to an 89-68 road victory over Maccabi Ramat Gan in the season opener.

Elsewhere in league openers last night, Maccabi Tel Aviv held off Bnei Herzliya 73-62, Maccabi Haifa celebrated its return to the league with an 81-67 road win over Hapoel Tel Aviv, Maccabi Ra'anana breezed by Hapoel Holon 83-66, Maccabi Rishon Lezion edged Givat Shmuel 87-83, and Hapoel Galil Elyon earned a 89-81 away victory over Hapoel Eilat.

Hap. J'lem 89, Mac. RG 68

Waldman had 14 points and seven assists for Jerusalem, which shot an amazing 12-16 from three-point range. Recovering from a sloppy first half in which they trailed, 41-36, Jerusalem relied on superb scoring balance, led by Radisav Curcic with 19, and great defense to stifle Muli Katzurin's club. Jerusalem burned the net for nine three-pointers in the second half and never looked back. Waldman's performance provided hope the team can overcome the loss of Gordon, who announced his retirement in the off-season.

James Gully was the only bright spot for Ramat Gan, but even he tired down the stretch, and Jerusalem totally shut down Estonian point guard Rauno Peca in the second-half after Peca showed signs of brilliance running Ramat Gan's offense in the first stanza.

Mac. Tel Aviv 73, Bnei Herzliya 62

The defending champions found themselves down 24-6 at the outset as coach Yoram Harush's newly acquired players couldn't keep up with the young Herzliya team. But old hands Gur Shelef and Derrick Sharp righted things and Maccabi held on for the victory.

Mac. Rishon 87, Givat Shmuel 83

Rishon's Duane Washington hit two clutch free throws down the stretch, as did Doron Jamchy (25 points), whose contract was only approved by league authorities an hour before game time, to give Rishon the dramatic road victory.7

Galil Elyon 89, Hap. Eilat 81

Cool and calm play down the stretch by coach David Blatt's young club paid off big as a scaled-down Eilat club suffered a heart-breaking season-opening loss at home.

Mac. Haifa 81, Hap. Tel Aviv 67

Led by Andrew Kennedy and Meir Tapiro, Maccabi Haifa showed it would have much to say in the coming season, winning at Ussishkin.

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